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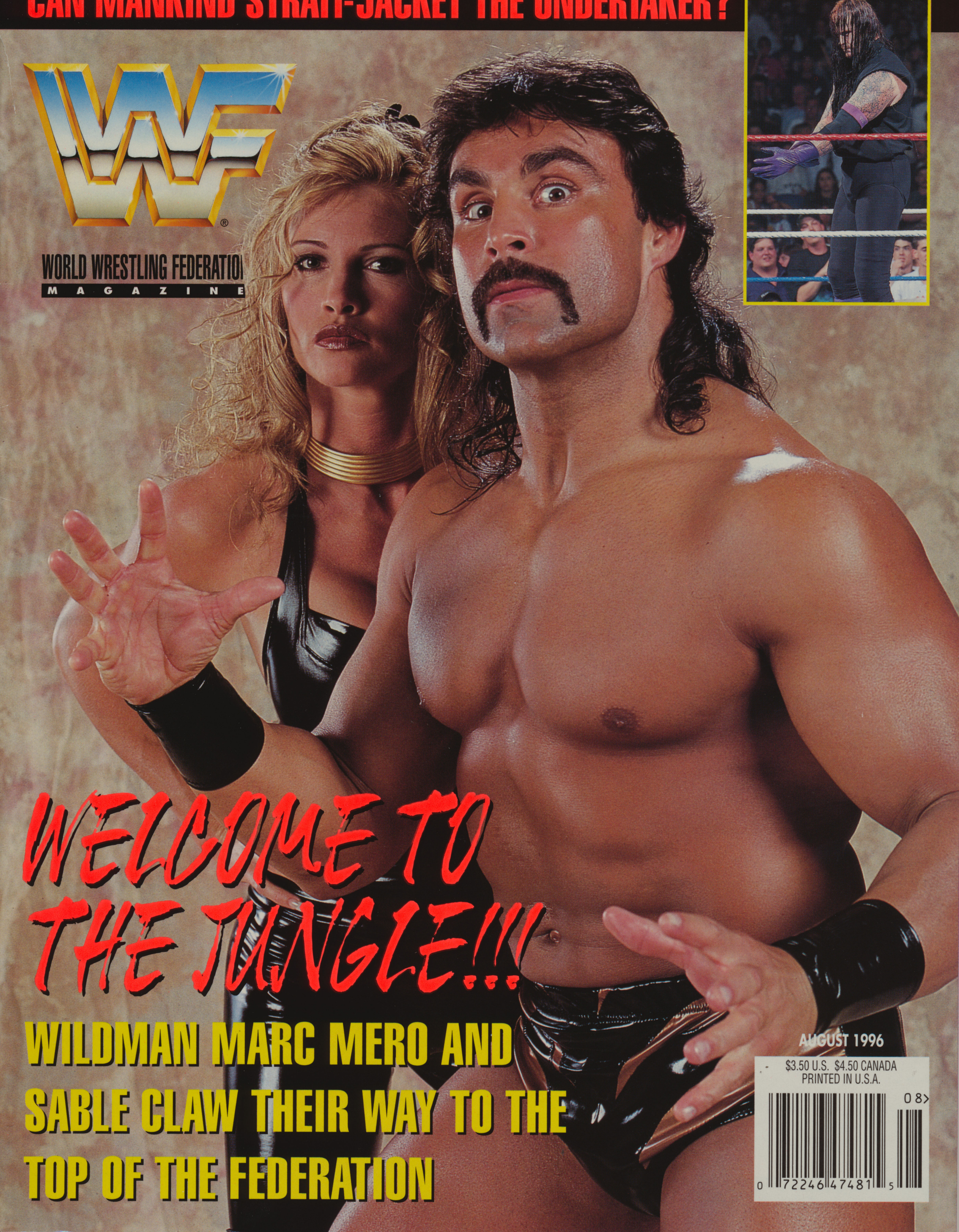

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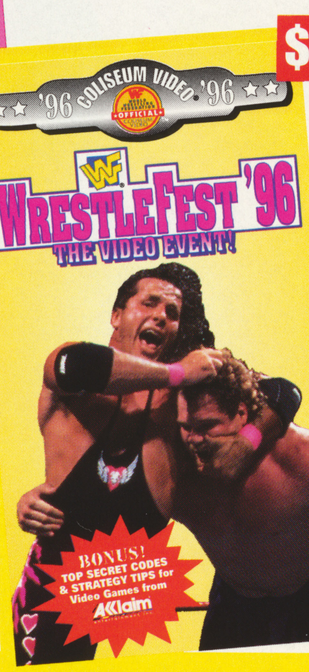
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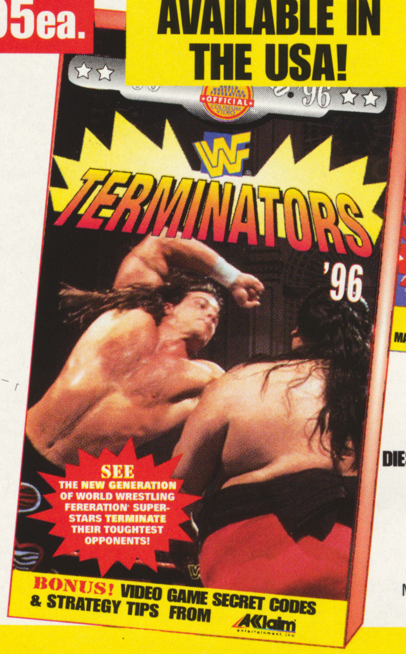
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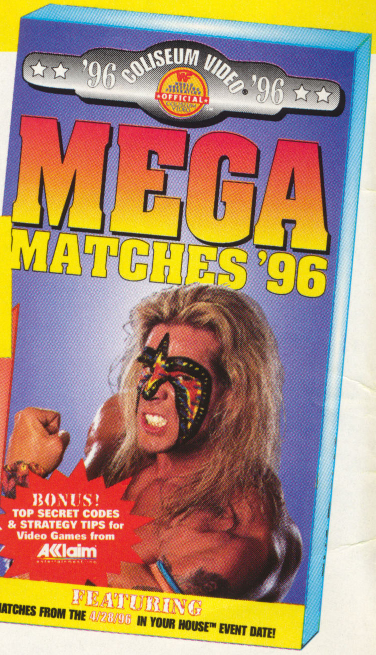
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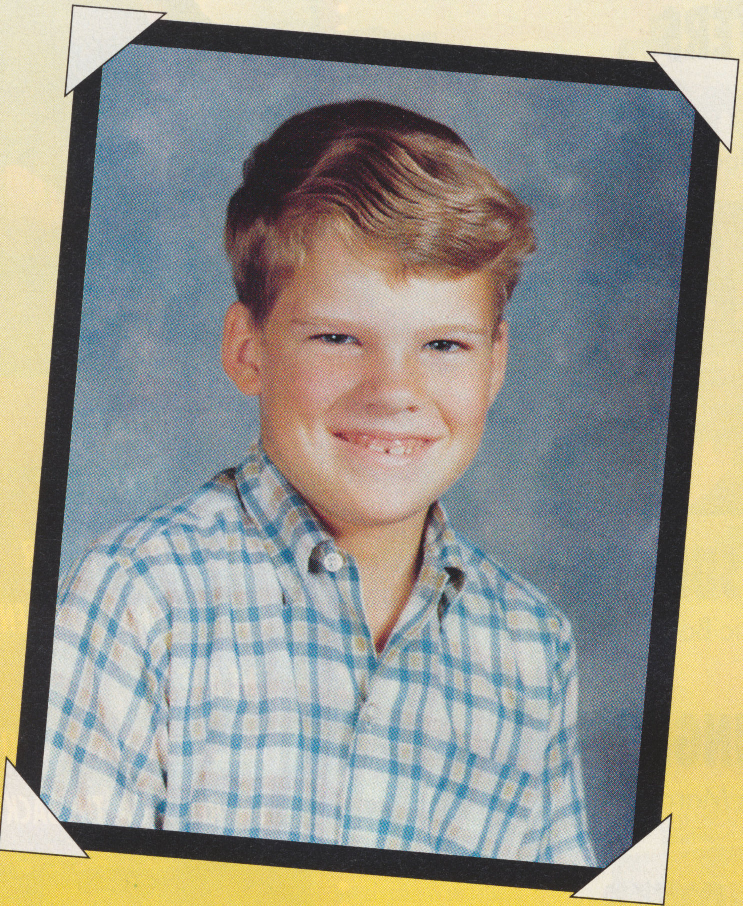
CAN YOU GUESS THE SECRET SUPERSTAR

When this month's Secret Superstar told his mother that he wanted to be in the "health profession," I'm sure that she probably had something else in mind!



HINTS:

1. When this month's Secret Superstar was a young child, he used to pick fights with older kids in hopes of—GETTING HIS TEETH KNOCKED OUT!!!
2. As a youngster, this month's Secret Superstar preferred Novocain over Ovaltine.
3. All this month's Secret Superstar ever wanted for Christmas was—YOUR two front teeth!
4. "SMILE and say CHEESE—SUCKERS!!!"

THE SECRET SUPERSTAR IS: __________ __________

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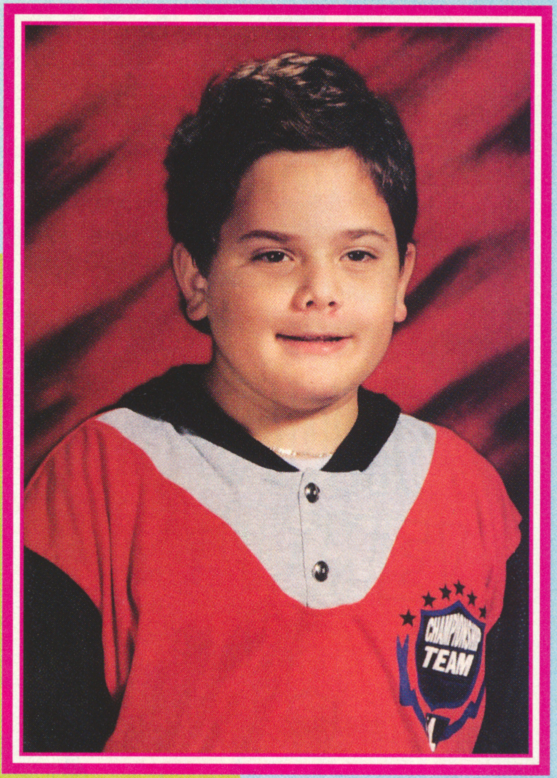
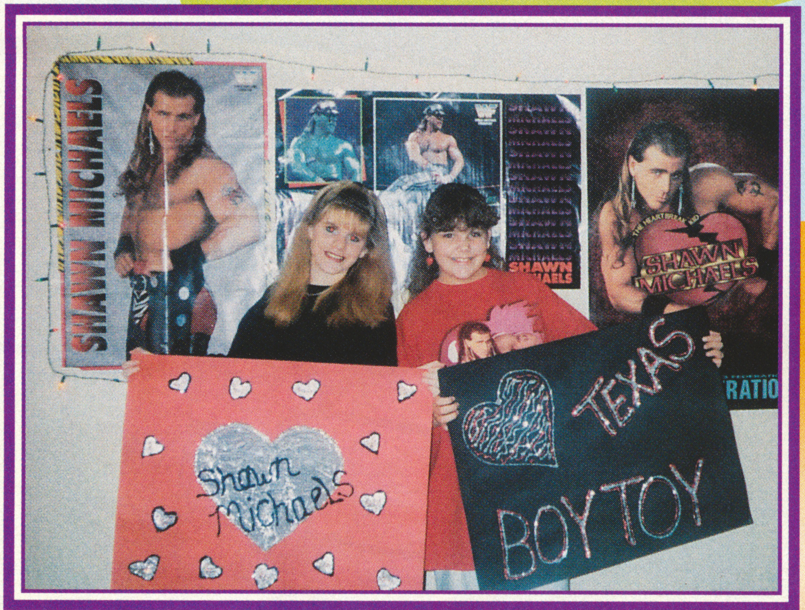


Name: Brian Aldrich
Age: 10
Hometown: New Windsor, NY
School: Temple Hill Academy
Grade: Fifth
Future Ambition: To become a father
Favorite Federation Superstar: Shawn Michaels
Least Favorite Federation Superstar: Hunter Hearst-Helmsley
What I like best about the World Wrestling Federation: Anything could happen!
If I were president of the World Wrestling Federation, I would: Resign and give the job to Shawn Michaels
What I do when I'm not watching the World Wrestling Federation: Play soccer or tennis and watch TV



Names: Autumn and Lindsay Adkins
Age: Autumn—14, Lindsay—10
Hometown: Akron, Ohio
School: Autumn—Erwine Middle School, Lindsay—Highland Park
Grade: Autumn—Eighth, Lindsay—Fifth
Future Ambition: Autumn—Be a mother and have two kids, Lindsay—To be a nurse
Favorite Federation Superstar: Shawn Michaels
Least Favorite Federation Superstar: Bob Backlund
What I like best about the World Wrestling Federation: Autumn—The way Bret Hart gives the little kids his glasses, Lindsay—The way Shawn dances when he's in the ring
If I were president of the World Wrestling Federation, I would: Bring more live events to Canton, Ohio
What I do when I'm not watching the World Wrestling Federation: Autumn—Play sports and hang with my friends, Lindsay—Play with my niece Shianne and read World Wrestling Federation magazines.

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FAX:

BULLDOG—GET A CLUE!

Dear Editor,
What's the British Bulldog thinking about?! With all the women Shawn already HAS, why would he want the K-9's wife? Is he for real OR WHAT! The way I see it, the Bulldog will do ANYTHING to get his grubby little paws on the World Wrestling Federation Title!

Alvin Singletary

FAX:

YOU 2, DIANA

Dear Editor,
Where on earth did the British Bulldog's wife, Diana, get the idea that Shawn Michaels wants her? I mean, just look at Shawn! I'm not saying that he could get any woman that he wants, BUT he can certainly do better than Diana Smith!!!

Twyla
Greenville, OH

Dear Alvin and Twyla,
Relax, have a cream soda, DO SOMETHING!!! As of press time, there has been no proof—WHATSOEVER—that the British Bulldog and Diana Smith are lying about the "alleged" indecent behavior of the Heartbreak Kid Shawn Michaels. Maybe this is all a James E. Cornette master plan—WHO KNOWS?—only time will tell!

HOWEVER, while I'm on the subject, even though Davey Boy looks as if he may have eaten a bad Milkbone or two in his day, there is absolutely nothing at all wrong with the "very" attractive Mrs. Smith.

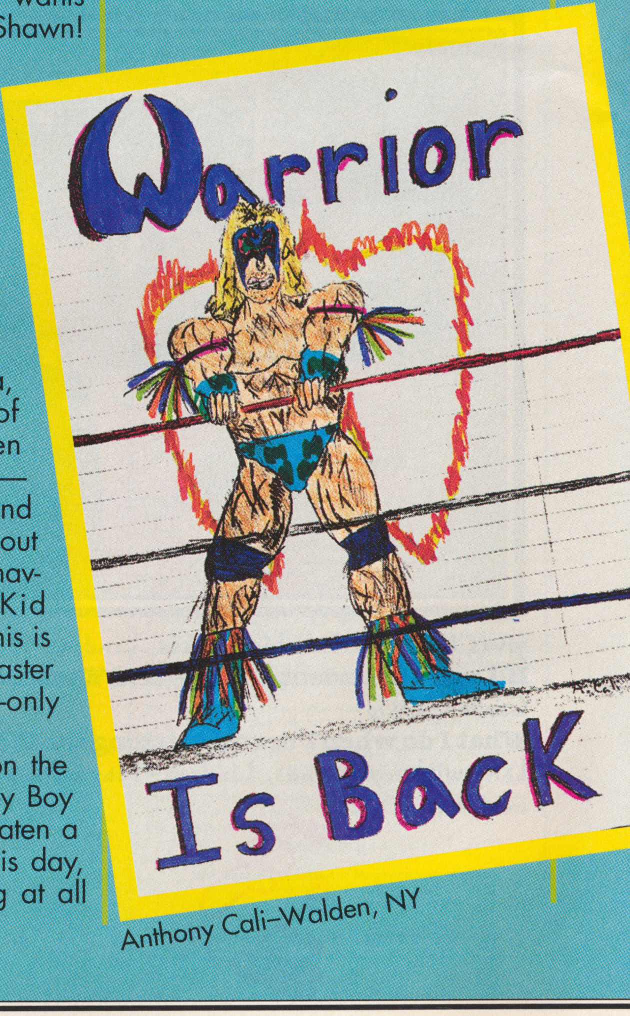
Can I get sued for saying that?

E-MAIL:

FIRST CHAMPS

Dear Editor,
I have every issue of the "great" *World Wrestling Federation Magazine* since 1991, and every one seems to just get better and better. I especially like Vic Venom and the Informer. And, speaking of the Informer, I have one question for him: Could you tell me who the first Federation Champion and Intercontinental Champion was?

Danny McCarthy
W. Keansburg, NJ



Anthony Cali–Walden, NY

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Dear Danny,
The first World Wrestling Federation Champion was the late, great Buddy Rogers, while the first to wear the Intercontinental gold was the legendary Pat Patterson.

Until next time, this has been the Informer.

Letter:

DYNAMIC DUO... NOT SO FAST

Dear Editor,
I recently received the June issue of the *World Wrestling Federation Magazine*, and I would like to congratulate you and your staff on one of the best covers of all time. I truly believe you brought out the true feelings and emotions of the Heartbreak Kid. However, I would like to bring up one point. I have to defend Bret "Hit Man" Hart, who in a way, was cheated in the "so-called" 60-minute Iron Man Match at *WrestleMania XII*. I believe that the only real way to prove who is the "real" champion is to put these two superstars in a no-time-limit STEEL CAGE BRAWL!!! Lock the door, throw away the key and ring the bell!!! Then we will see who the "true" champion really is!

Brock Strickland
New Market, Maryland

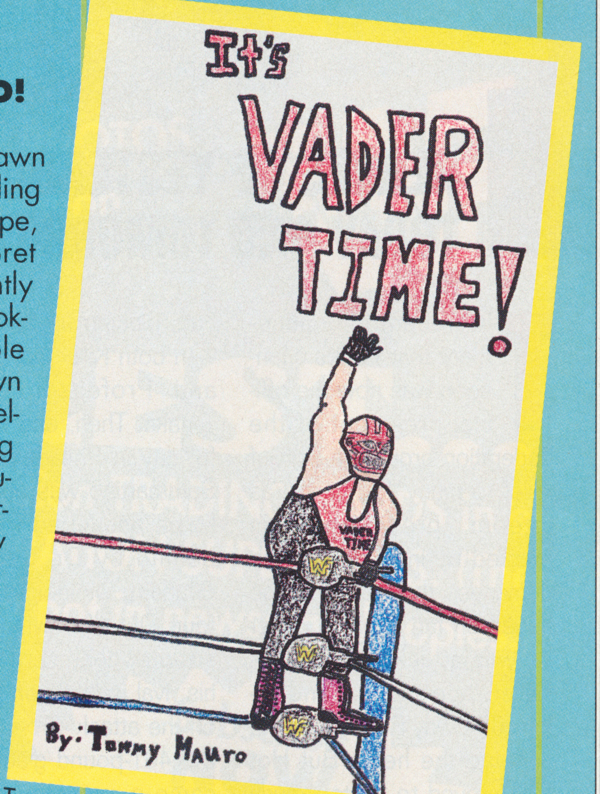
Dear Brock,
BUT WAIT A MINUTE!!! STEPHANIE HAS THEM AS A TAG TEAM IN THE NEXT LETTER!!!! Well, as they say... ANYTHING CAN HAPPEN IN THE WORLD WRESTLING FEDERATION!

Letter:

A REAL DYNAMIC DUO!

Dear Editor,
Although I'm thrilled that Shawn Michaels is the World Wrestling Federation Champion, I hope, as do many others, that Bret Hart doesn't retire. I recently read that the Hit Man is looking to achieve a third triple crown, and I think that Shawn Michaels would be an excellent choice for him as a tag team partner. If these two superstars could put their differences behind them, they would undoubtedly be the best tag team that the sport of professional wrestling has ever seen! What do you think?

Stephanie Sigafoos
Riegelsville, PA



Tommy Mauro

Dear Stephanie,
There is no doubt that this dynamic duo would make Batman and Robin look like the Ding-Dongs!!! If this "dream team" did in fact hook up, they quite possibly would be the best of all time! So, the question now remains: Is this possible? I hate to say it but, as we all know so well... ANYTHING CAN HAPPEN IN THE WORLD WRESTLING FEDERATION!!!

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Rookies to LEGENDS

HEROES OF YESTERDAY, TODAY AND TOMORROW

GORILLA MONSOON

The recent announcement that Gorilla Monsoon was now the official president of the Federation brought a sigh of relief to many. His period as interim president was marked by innovations—he demanded that matchups be based on fan demand. After he was attacked by Vader, he stepped down and allowed Rowdy Roddy Piper to assume the helm. But Hot Rod proved to be too much of a loose cannon, and the Board of Directors gave the Gorilla a permanent position.

No one knows the Federation as intimately as Monsoon. He first arrived in 1963, a bearded behemoth managed by the legendary Bobby Davis. Within a short time, he was the No. 1 contender, brawling with then-champion Bruno Sammartino in an outdoor classic in Jersey City, New Jersey.

Monsoon, who'd later take on the legendary Wild Red Berry as an adviser, was perhaps Bruno's most difficult challenger, dogging him mercilessly for the first few years of his reign. At the same time, the Gorilla was a menace on the tag team circuit, picking up the title with both Killer Kowalski and Professor Toru Tanaka. Then, one fateful day in Philadelphia, Sammartino was about to be assaulted from behind by Dr. Jerry Graham, wielding a two-by-four. Out of nowhere, Monsoon appeared, defending his rival rather than joining in on the attack. From then on, the 401-pound gladiator became a mainstay near the top of fan popularity lists.

Any man who ventured into the Federation with designs of turning it upside-down quickly found himself entangled in battle with Monsoon. Gorilla took on Spiros Arion, Crusher Verdue, Stan "The Man" Stasiak and Waldo Von Erich. In 1975, during a visit to Asia, he won the prestigious All-Japan Invitational tournament.

Five years later, in his column for the Philadelphia Journal, he promised to retire if he couldn't topple Ken Patera at the Philadelphia Spectrum. Midway through the contest, Patera opened a cut on the Gorilla, and the referee stopped the match because of blood. Monsoon lived up to his word, only coming out of retirement once, to substitute for the late Andre the Giant at Madison Square Garden after Andre broke his ankle.

Gorilla became one of the most astute color commentators in wrestling, a 1994 Federation Hall of Fame inductee and a member of the Ithaca College Sports Hall of Fame. His son, Joey Marella, followed his father into the mat game, establishing a reputation as one of the Federation's most respected referees before his untimely death in an auto accident in 1994. WF

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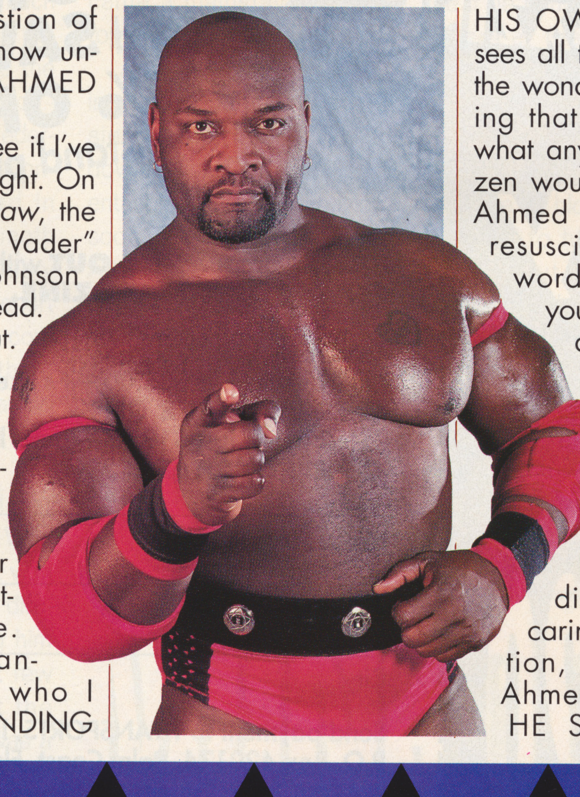
THE BITE

BY VIC VENOM

The No. 1 question of the month: Just how ungrateful is AHMED JOHNSON?

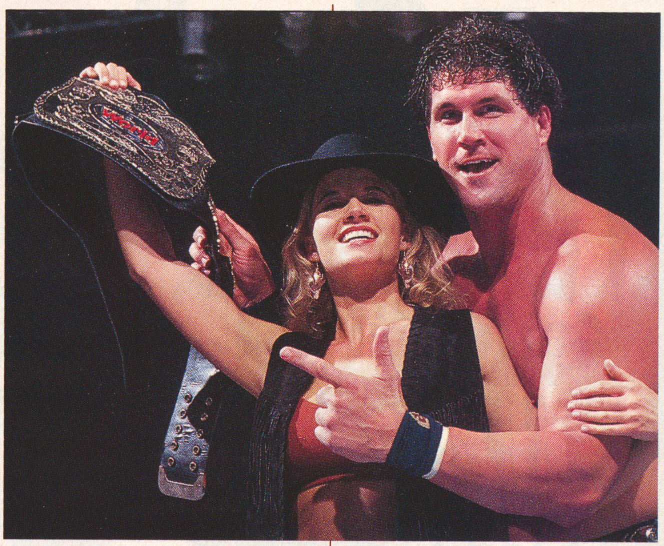
Now, let me see if I've got the story straight. On *Monday Night Raw*, the "Man They Call Vader" drops Ahmed Johnson on his coconut head. Ahmed blacks out. He's out cold. Paramedics rush to the scene and wheel an unconscious Ahmed Johnson out of the ring on a stretcher to a nearby waiting ambulance. And in the meantime, Goldust, who I might add is MINDING HIS OWN BUSINESS, sees all this. Now, being the wonderful human being that he is, he does what any concerned citizen would do—he gives Ahmed mouth-to-mouth resuscitation. In other words—just in case you really don't understand—GOLDUST WAS TRYING TO SAVE HIS LIFE!!!



So, in an effort to pay him back for his display of warm, caring, human emotion, just what does Ahmed Johnson do? HE SETS OUT TO TEAR GOLDUST'S FREAKING HEAD OFF—THAT'S WHAT HE DOES!!! In a lunatic's rage he rips apart the locker room as if he can't find his Barry White CDs!!! Now, Ahmed—BABY—if it's your third grade speech teacher you're looking to beat up, I can understand that, BUT a guy who just tried to save your life?! How ungrateful can you be?! You could be dead right now if it weren't for the courageousness and heroism of Goldie! You call yourself a role model? What message are you sending out to kids? If you see an old lady at a street corner who needs help crossing, don't help her—instead, pummel her with her cane, step on her dentures and pull her girdle up over her head!!! You, my friend, own Goldust a HUGE apology!!!

Wait, I'm not done yet! Can you even imagine the chance Goldust took in putting his lips to yours? God only knows where those babies have been! Man, what a gutsy individual, this Goldust!!!

What in the name of VENOM was *Playgirl* thinkin' about when it decided to do a layout with Shawn Michaels? I mean, I thought the object was to get people to BUY the magazine, not be REPULSED by it!!! I'm just thankful that there was no REAL nudity involved. Can you imagine seeing Shawn Michaels in all his glory?! What a horrifying sight! I'd just as soon drive nails into my eyes and have somebody pull my toenails off with a pair of pliers. NOW, if they wanted a real hunk to grace their pages, all they had to do was call yours truly!!! The "Snakeman" in the buff makes the Mona Lisa look like a paint by number... stroked by a color-blind bozo—WHO COULDN'T EVEN COUNT!!!



I've gotta admit—I'm a HUGE Smoking Gunns fan right about now! It took about a MILLION sunrises and sunsets, but Butch and Sundance finally figured it out! For years and years, they put on their little cowboy hats and their little cowboy boots, rode out to the ring and TRIED TO PLEASE YOU MORONS! My God, they even won the Tag Team Belts on TWO separate occasions! So, in an effort to show your appreciation, what do you fans do? You show them no GOD-DANG RESPECT!!! And, not only that, but while Billy was in the hospital having LIFE-THREATENING SURGERY, not one stinkin' letter from his beloved fans—NOT ONE! Granted, I understand that less than 50% of you know how to write, but that's beside the point!!! All I know is that I wrote to him—TWICE!!!

Bottom line is that the Gunns made the decision of their lives when they brought Sunny on as their manager. With their talent and Sunny's two "HUGE" assets—beauty and brains—the Smoking Gunns may finally get what they deserve—R-E-S-P-E-C-T!!!

What's with Mankind's JIMMY fetish?! Of all the people he could choose to talk to, why does he insist on talking only to JIMMY! Man, this guy must be more disturbed than we think!!! I mean, what on God's green earth does JIMMY have to bring to the table... besides TWINKIES!!! I was beginning to think that Mankind was a genius trapped in a madman's body, but now I've got to totally re-evaluate the situation. JIMMY? Could it be that Mankind is a fan of OKLAHOMA SOONERS FOOTBALL? I DON'T THINK SO!!! Could it possibly be that Manny is looking for a soulmate to take to those Star Trek Conventions? MAYBE. Whatever the case may be... this is outright SICK!!! AND, to make it even SICKER, JIMMY seems to be FLATTERED by the whole thing!!! Who knows, maybe somewhere down the road these two misfits may even form a tag team! Hey, they could even call themselves "OUT TO LUNCH"!!!

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Where's Bret?

Shortly after his heart-wrenching WrestleMania XII defeat, a bitter Bret "Hit Man" Hart gave an exclusive Raw interview on the banks of the Rhine River in Germany to discuss—among other things—his future in the World Wrestling Federation. Speaking strictly from the heart (pardon the pun), Bret admitted to not being sure where his career path was headed. At the time the scale that read "wrestle or retire" was balancing right smack in the middle.

Nearly four months have passed since we heard the final rap from the Hit Man, and to date, we don't know any more now... than we did then. However, even though we've yet again to hear directly from Bret himself, rumors and speculation have been sharpshootin' their way rampant throughout the rings of the Federation. In conjunction with those speaking "merely" of retirement or comeback, there have been several others of a more "juicy" nature. The one that seems the most interesting of all concerns Bret's having contacted a certain "LONG-LOST " family member in an effort to "re-evaluate" his situation. "LONG-LOST" family members? That can mean only one of three "wicked" individuals—Jim "The Anvil" Neidhart, Davey Boy Smith or Owen Hart.

Could this vicious rumor in fact be true? And, if so, what could Bret Hart have on his mind? For the answer to those and many other questions concerning Bret's future, please turn into the next installment of World Wrestling Federation Raw Magazine (September/October) and read "As the Harts Turn."

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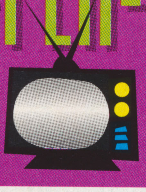

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July 21st	In Your House • Vancouver, BC
Aug. 18th	SummerSlam • Cleveland, OH
Sept. 22nd	In Your House • Philadelphia, PA
Oct. 20th	In Your House • Indianapolis, IN
Nov. 17th	Survivor Series • MSG, New York City
Dec. 15th	In Your House • West Palm Beach, FL

Venues subject to change

1) All events are on Sunday at 7pm ET. 2) Replays for all in Your House events at 9pm ET. 3) Replays for all five other events are at 10pm ET. 4) Encores for all five other events are the Tuesday following the event. The times of the encores are 8pm and 11pm ET.

TOP 5 REASONS WHY STEVE AUSTIN IS STONE COLD

1. Moments after he was born, he beat up the doctor who delivered him. Why? "Because that quack SLAPPED ME ON THE BUTT!"
2. As a child he busted every mirror in the house... for staring at him!
3. He knocked his kindergarten teacher out cold for referring to him as "MONTEL."
4. He once punched himself in the face... for grinning!
5. He turned the drill on his dentist because the D.D.S. decided to use... NOVOCAIN!!!

You Don't Say

Speaking of where's Bret? Maybe somebody should check FENWAY PARK! The Hit Man is an AVID fan of the Boston Red Sox!

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"Here's the story of a lovely lady! As a kid growing up, Shawn Michaels wasn't interested in Cindy, Jan OR Marsha!

All that he cared about was Carol, because she was the only MRS. in the bunch!"

Call the editors of Newsweek!
Alert the newspapers and the TV stations!
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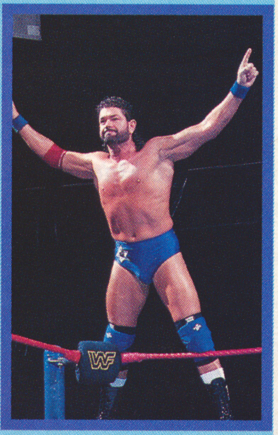

Like the rarity of seeing Halley's comet, the Federation once again witnessed another event that will keep historians talking for many months to come—Barry Horowitz added yet another win to his unstellar record!

The wrestling world was abuzz over the news of what happened! Thanks to the fine officiating by the unbiased Harvey Wippleman, Horowitz claimed a victory without even pinning any shoulders to the mat! The victim of Horowitz's blue moon win? The Slammy-Award-winning Owen Hart!

This unforgettable moment in Barry's career took place during a recently televised match on Superstars, in which Owen appeared to have Battlin' Barry in a heap of trouble! From armlocks to legdrops, the aggressive Hart was throwing the book at him. Then, in what appeared to be merely a technicality, Owen placed Horowitz in the deadly Sharpshooter to end it.

BUT WAIT! A SURE VICTORY FOR OWEN? NOT!

When the Slammy-Award-winner would not relinquish the hold on Mr. Underdog, he was disqualified by Wippleman! The decision was turned, and Barry had won... again!

Way to go, Barry! (I hope you thanked Harvey!)

ATTITUDE ADJUSTMENT TOUR DATES

July

21st–Vancouver, BC, CN
(In Your House)

22nd–Seattle, WA
(Monday Night Raw)

23rd–Yakima, WA

24th–Spokane, WA

25th–San Francisco, CA

26th–Fresno, CA

27th–Anaheim, CA

August

2nd–Montreal, QUE, CN

3rd–Quebec City, QUE, CN

4th–Ottawa, ONT, CN

5th–Springfield, MA

6th–Cohasset, MA

7th–Warwick, RI

8th–Hyannis, MA

9th–New York, NY

10th–Bethlehem, PA

11th–Scranton, PA

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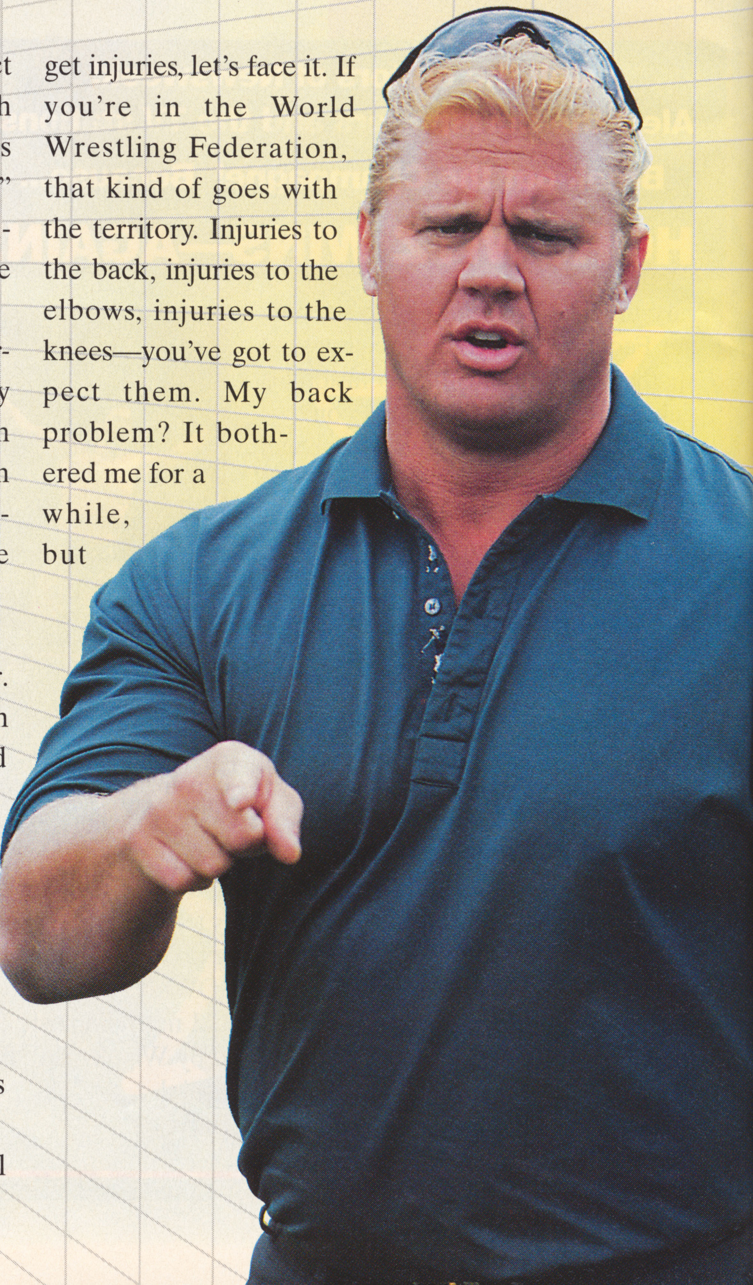

Perhaps one of the greatest mat technicians to ever lace up the boots, two-time World Wrestling Federation Intercontinental Champion Curt Hennig, a.k.a. Mr. Perfect, was forced to cut his illustrious ring career short due to a chronic back injury. HOWEVER, as of late, rumors are running rampant throughout the Federation speculating whether or not that career was "TRULY" cut short or perhaps this is just another "PERFECT" ploy on the part of Hennig!

Perfect, himself, has never come out and said that he is finished... done. As a matter of fact, for some apparent reason, he has left that door ajar. Therefore, the question remains: Is the "Perfect One" merely toying with those Federation fans who "just gotta know" OR is he secretly planning on making the "PERFECT" return?

World Wrestling Federation Magazine recently caught up with Curt at an exclusive golf resort in West Palm Beach, Florida, and this is what he had to say:

EDITOR: First of all, Mr. Perfect, can you explain to the fans of the World Wrestling Federation the extent of your back injury? What is the history of the injury? Did it occur due to one instance or a series of instances? AND exactly just how "SERIOUS" is SERIOUS?

MR. PERFECT: We all get injuries, let's face it. If you're in the World Wrestling Federation, that kind of goes with the territory. Injuries to the back, injuries to the elbows, injuries to the knees—you've got to expect them. My back problem? It bothered me for a while, but

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MR. PERFECT

I kept in shape and kept on top of it, so now it doesn't bother me that much anymore. I had some bulging of disks along with a broken tailbone, but as of right now, I feel pretty good!

EDITOR: So, what are you saying? Are you saying that you think you are healthy enough to perhaps make a "PERFECT" return to the squared circle?

MR. PERFECT: First of all, it's nobody's business what I'm doing! I said I'm retired, and yeah, I'm DEFINITELY retired from wrestling! Everybody, everywhere I go, all they ask is "Mr. Perfect, when are you coming back? When are you getting in the ring?" I mean, it's obvious that the fans of the World Wrestling Federation miss the great talent that Mr. Perfect possesses! But I'll tell you right now straight up—YEAH, I'm retired from the ring—BUT this is the World Wrestling Federation, and ANYTHING can happen!

EDITOR: Are you telling me that a man with your wrestling ability prefers commentating and consulting over competing?

MR. PERFECT: That's funny, did I say that? I mean, I didn't hear myself say that!

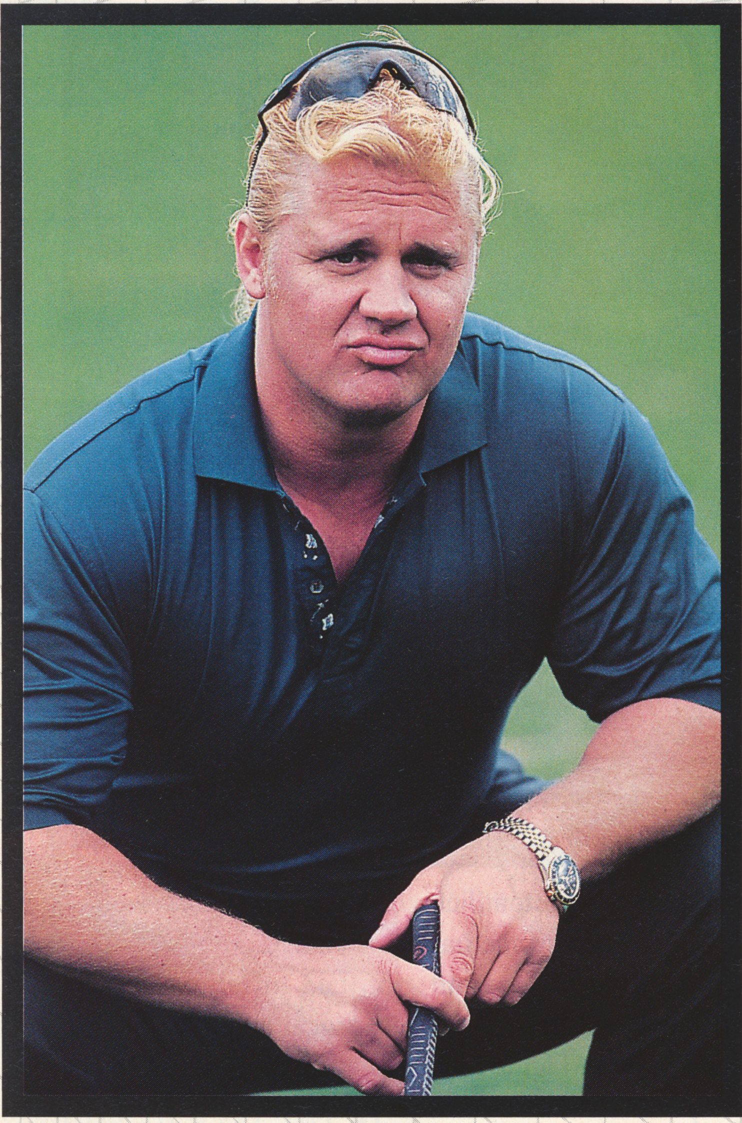
EDITOR: Yeah, but...

MR. PERFECT: Yeah, but nothing, you EGG-HEAD! The bottom line is that a guy like me has just got to be around wrestling. I've got to be a part of it in some way, shape or form. For now,

commentating "satisfies" me, and I'm much "needed" as a consultant. But who knows exactly what the future may hold for Mr. Perfect?

EDITOR: Would you say that you see much of yourself in any of the superstars of the New Generation? I mean, who is the closest thing to "Perfect" we will ever see?

MR. PERFECT: As far as wrestling goes, I believe that Hunter Hearst-Helmsley very much resembles Mr. Perfect. He takes his time in the ring, he's precise, he's calculating and can be aggressive when he needs to be. He also knows when to get in and when to get out of the ring—that's the whole art of wrestling. To me, that's what it takes to be a "perfect" wrestler.



EDITOR: What are your comments regarding current World Wrestling Federation Champion Shawn Michaels?

MR. PERFECT: Many of the wrestling fans out there know that Shawn Michaels and I traveled down the highway quite a bit together when he was just a 19- or 20-year-old kid. So, I have the right to say that I probably taught that kid everything he knows about wrestling. But take this for what it's worth—I didn't teach him everything I know!

EDITOR: How do you think the New Generation of the World Wrestling Federation stacks up against the Federation at the time when you were in your prime?

MR. PERFECT: First of all, in case you didn't notice, I'm STILL in my prime. If you're asking me how the Federation today stacks up against the Federation of the late '80s or early '90s, I would have to say that I think they stack up rather equally, with a slight advantage going to this New Generation. The athletes are just getting bigger, better and much stronger. Today, it's a faster-paced wrestling. I think that it's much more entertaining!

EDITOR: Looking back at your career, who would you say was your toughest opponent?

MR. PERFECT: No doubt I'd have to say Bret "Hit Man" Hart. At that time—and even still today—he possessed many of the same qualities that I do. He's a second generation wrestler, we're about the same age and we're both always striving for the same thing—to be the best that we possibly can be. It was—and it still is—a matter of "chemistry."

EDITOR: If you had to pick the most memorable moment from throughout your entire wrestling career, what would that be?

MR. PERFECT: When my father (Larry "The Ax" Hennig) and I defeated the Road Warriors in the AWA (American Wrestling Association) many years ago. To be a professional wrestler is one thing, but to be a second generation wrestler with the opportunity to wrestle alongside your father is something completely different. To have the opportunity to walk through the curtain with him was something that I'll never forget. In fact, we were no doubt the greatest father-son team in the history of the sport. With his strength and my quickness and agility, we had all corners covered!

EDITOR: Just how do you feel about those wrestlers—some who were even your peers at one time—who seem to be unable to walk away from the spotlight even though their time has obviously passed? I mean, if you are indeed retired, you seem to have experienced no problem whatsoever in being able to walk away from the glory—out of the "spotlight"—so to speak.

MR. PERFECT: It's very simple. Maybe that's part of the reason that I walked away when I did. I'd rather have walked away when I was on top of my game than be looked upon as some kind of fossil. I don't know why these wrestlers still hang on. Maybe it's a sickness that was born down deep within their souls, and they just can't get rid of it. They have to be a part of it! I guess I can understand that, but in my opinion, you have to be able to pull yourself away and say I've had enough. The bottom line is that I don't "need" to be in the spotlight—it just happens that no matter what I do or what I say, I'm in it!

EDITOR: Mr. Perfect, after all of these years, has any of the luster rubbed off?

MR. PERFECT: None whatsoever. Throughout my entire life I have never had any flaws. I've still never even had a cavity in my mouth! From head to toe, I'm simply—"Perfect."

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Mankind, the wild juggernaut who stormed into the World Wrestling Federation this past spring, has been giving the Undertaker nightmares. It seems strange, especially since the Man from the Dark Side has often been credited with inspiring fear and insomnia in the lives of his opponents. But as the world has witnessed over the last several months, it is very true—a reality that has come to haunt the Undertaker on multiple occasions.

Hark back to last March. It was the day after *WrestleMania XII* (now available at video outlets everywhere on the Coliseum Home Video label) when the world saw the primal brutality and erratic actions of Mankind when he made his wrestling debut on a live episode of *Monday Night Raw*. Mankind was matched against Bob "Spark Plugg" Holly, a high-flying, gifted athlete. However, Mankind dominated the dual-sport superstar in a way never before seen. With reckless and even careless abandon, Mankind pummeled Holly to within an inch of his life, battering him with elbows and punches to various parts of his body.

After several minutes of such torture, Mankind—while pulling clumps of hair from his own skull—finished off his foe by ramming his fingers down Holly's throat, causing him to spew phlegm while his body twitched in apparent convulsions.

The Undertaker, who also wrestled that evening, was the next man to experience Mankind's wrath. During Undertaker's match, Mankind bolted from the locker room—fighting off a crew of officials as he did so—and then unleashed a barrage of battery on the Dark One. Mankind threw caution to the wind and risked his own health to torment the Undertaker, smashing him with fierce elbows on the cement floor and other tactics too overwhelming to be described in this publication. The results of this were both shocking and appalling.

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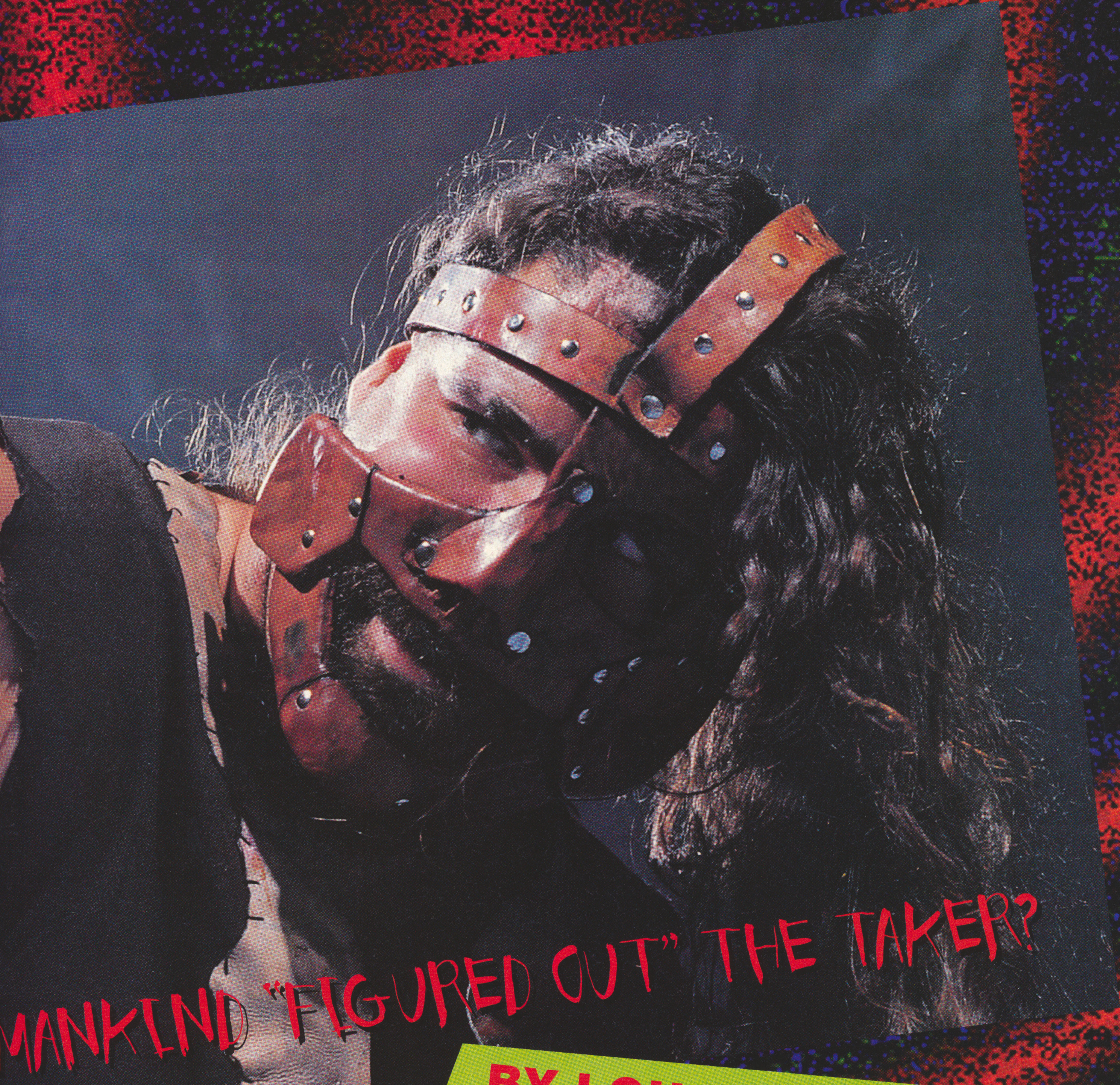
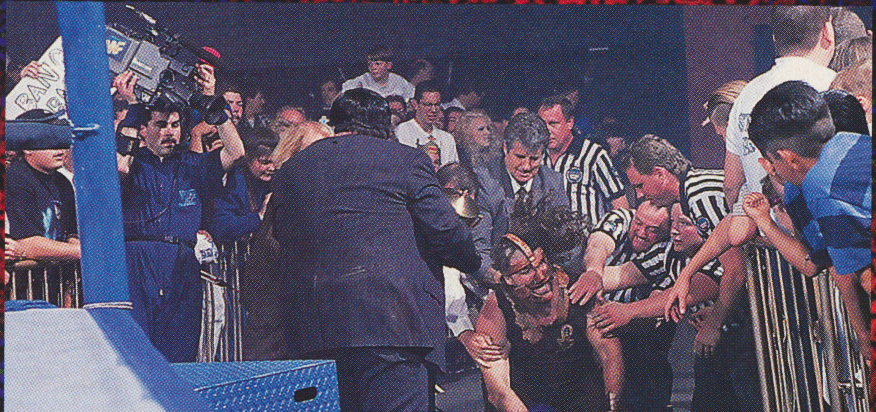


MANKIND "FIGURED OUT" THE TAKER?

BY LOU GIANFRIDDO

The Undertaker, for the first time in his Federation tenure, was rendered motionless. While phlegm oozed from the corner of his mouth, the Undertaker lay on the cement floor in a near-catatonic state, barely breathing and virtually semi-conscious.

Afterward, Mankind was gushing with pride. He smiled, revealing crooked teeth and crazy eyes that darted in many directions. He promised that the Undertaker would be the target of further victimization and that he, not others, would quake with fear in the coming weeks, never knowing when or where the terror of Mankind would again be wrought.



As it turned out, the terror happened on several occasions in May. During a live interview on another edition of *Raw*, Mankind besieged the Undertaker, who was at home in his casket. Mankind stormed the interview area and locked the Grim Reaper inside his own coffin. If that weren't enough, Mankind grabbed a metal pole and, in a frantic state, began beating the big box.

The racket inside the coffin must have been ear-shattering, enough to have rendered a mere mortal shell-shocked for life. It must have been the Undertaker's nightmare—if indeed he is haunted at all by such subliminal forces—come to being. Think about it: the constant pounding of the casket, the lack of oxygen, the barely audible screams of a madman above you.

Later that evening, as Mankind was being restrained in a straitjacket for his own (and others') protection, he was heard saying, "I've got [the Undertaker's] number! Ha-ha-ha!"

As it turned out, that was the understatement of the year. On Memorial Day weekend, during the pay-per-view telecast of *In Your House: Beware of Dog*, Mankind once again dipped into his wicked bag of tricks and subjected himself to a bit of torture in an effort to psychologically batter the Undertaker.

During the Undertaker's Casket Match with Goldust, at which the oversized coffin was present at ringside, the pay-per-view universe was nearly brought to its knees when Mankind burst through the door and created more havoc. Never before has any World Wrestling Federation superstar willingly put himself into the Undertaker's casket; that has always been his job. At *In Your House: Beware of Dog*, people saw a man who not only crept into the Undertaker's creepy domain but actually enjoyed the experience.

Now the questions on everyone's mind are: Has Mankind indeed got the Undertaker's number? Does the deranged and abnormal superstar really know what makes the Undertaker tick on a mental level?

Respective wrestling abilities notwithstanding, many in the Federation feel that Mankind has the key. Many think that Mankind's constant psychological assaults will prove to be detrimental when the Undertaker faces Mankind head-on in the squared circle. That's a real possibility.

Over the years, most—if not all—of the Undertaker's opponents have been psyched out before they even entered the ring with him. He has used his arcane methods to outdo some of the best superstars in Federation history, including the Ultimate Warrior, whom the Undertaker locked in a casket in 1991, and others such as Yokozuna. The Undertaker has even scared off some tough customers like Papa Shango, a man of voodoo who has not been seen since his altercation with the Man from the Dark Side several years ago.

Now—in all likelihood—Mankind may have a similar advantage. Whether he can capitalize on it or not will remain a mystery until the two incredible superstars clash in the ring. Then, and only then, will the world discover if Mankind's mind games have indeed worked or whether they prove to force Mankind's inevitable extinction from the World Wrestling Federation. Only fate will determine such factors. WF

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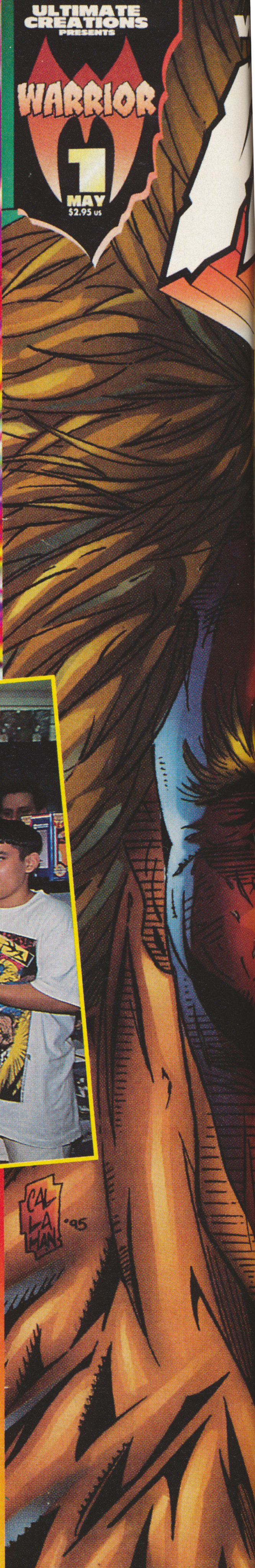
BY KEITH ELLIOT GREENBERG

INTRODUCING THE ULTIMATE WARRIOR'S COMIC BOOK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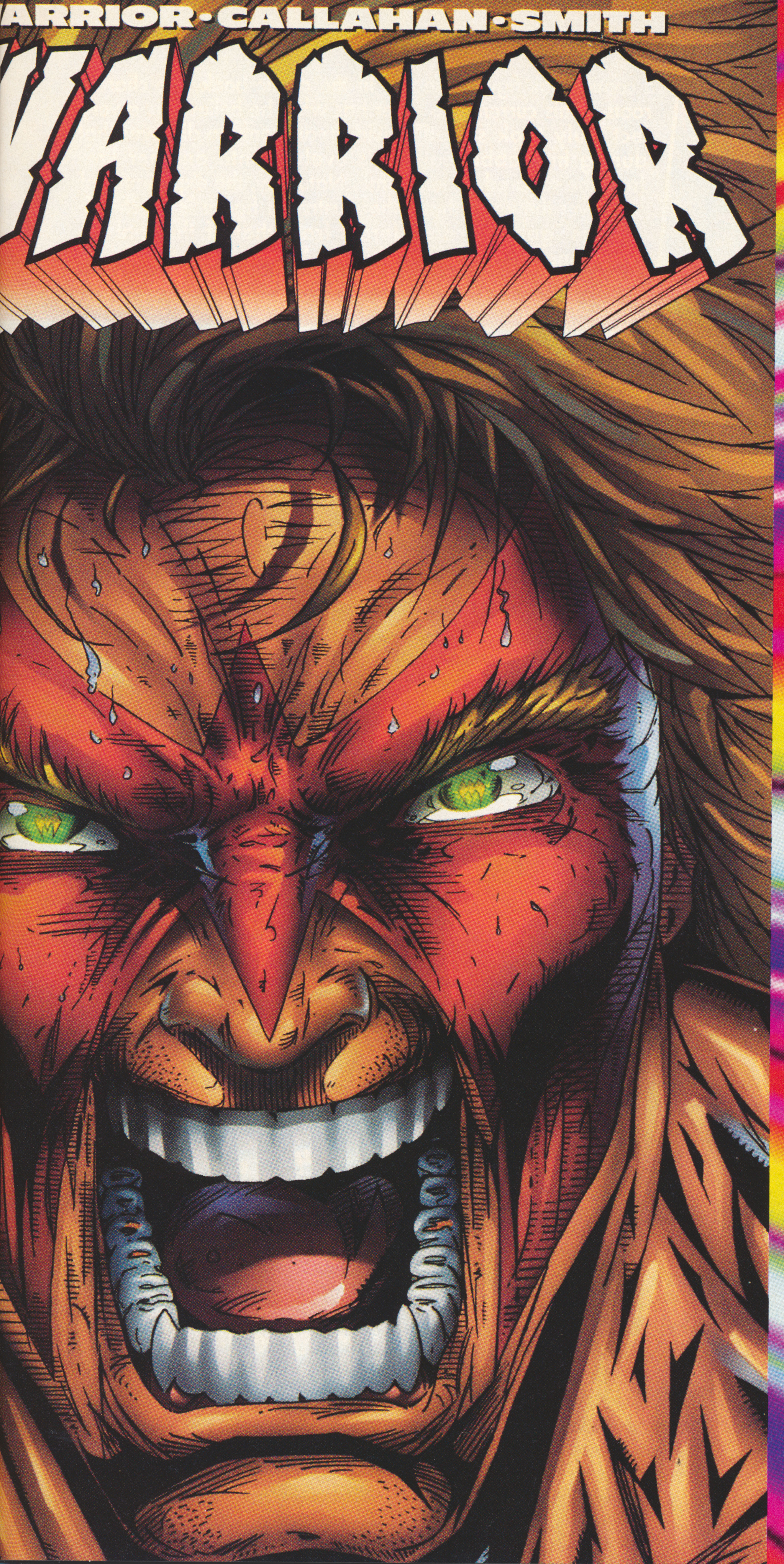

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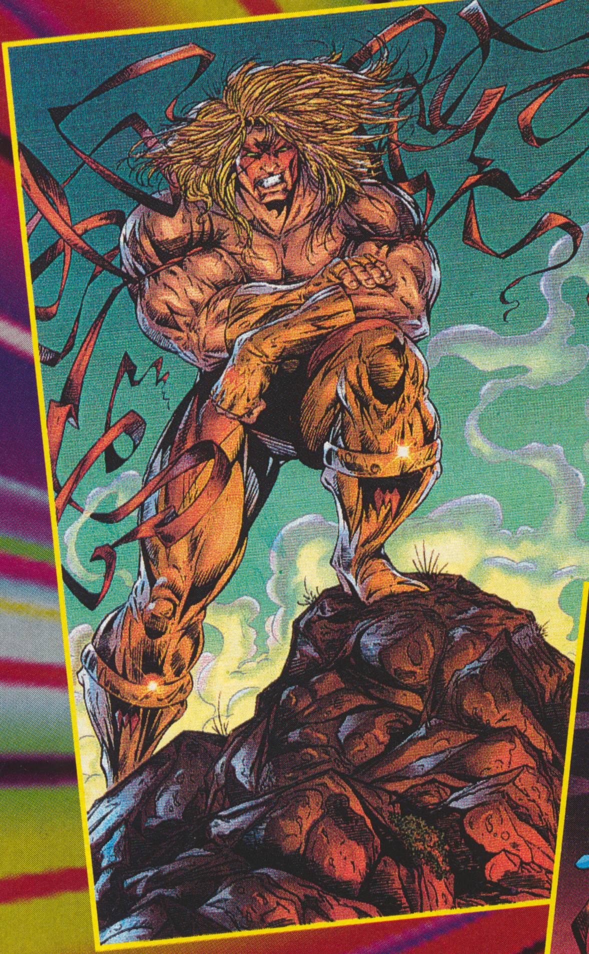
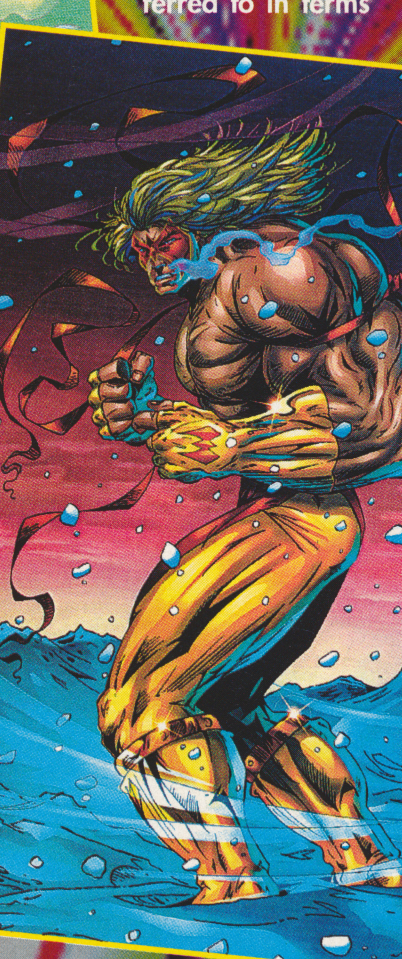
"THE SUBCONSCIOUS MESSAGE CAME THROUGH THE TELEVISION SCREEN AND HIT HOME WITH MILLIONS OF FANS," THE GRANITE-BODIED GLADIATOR MAINTAINS, "A SELF-TAUGHT MESSAGE OF UNLIMITED POWER—BELIEF. THE BOTTOM LINE IS THAT LIFE IS A CHALLENGE FOR EVERYONE, AN UNAVOIDABLE ONE AT THAT. SO THE ANSWER IS TO FACE IT—HEAD ON! AS A WRESTLER, MY CHALLENGES ARE IN THE RING, AND MY MESSAGE IS THAT IT IS OKAY TO GET KNOCKED DOWN. JUST GET BACK UP!"





Now, the ex-World Wrestling Federation kingpin has a new vehicle for that message: a 36-page Warrior comic book. In the first issue, there were 36 pages of artwork, including 10 for the climactic fight scene.

Just as the Warrior has always aligned himself with the very best of the mat world, he's sought out the finest talents of the comic industry to deliver his moral to readers. James Callahan—of *Death Grip, Spawn, X-Men, Hardcase* and *Lost Universe* fame—is responsible for the pencils and inks, while Jonathan Smith—of *Witchblade, Cyber Force, Code Name, Strike Force,* among others—provided the color.

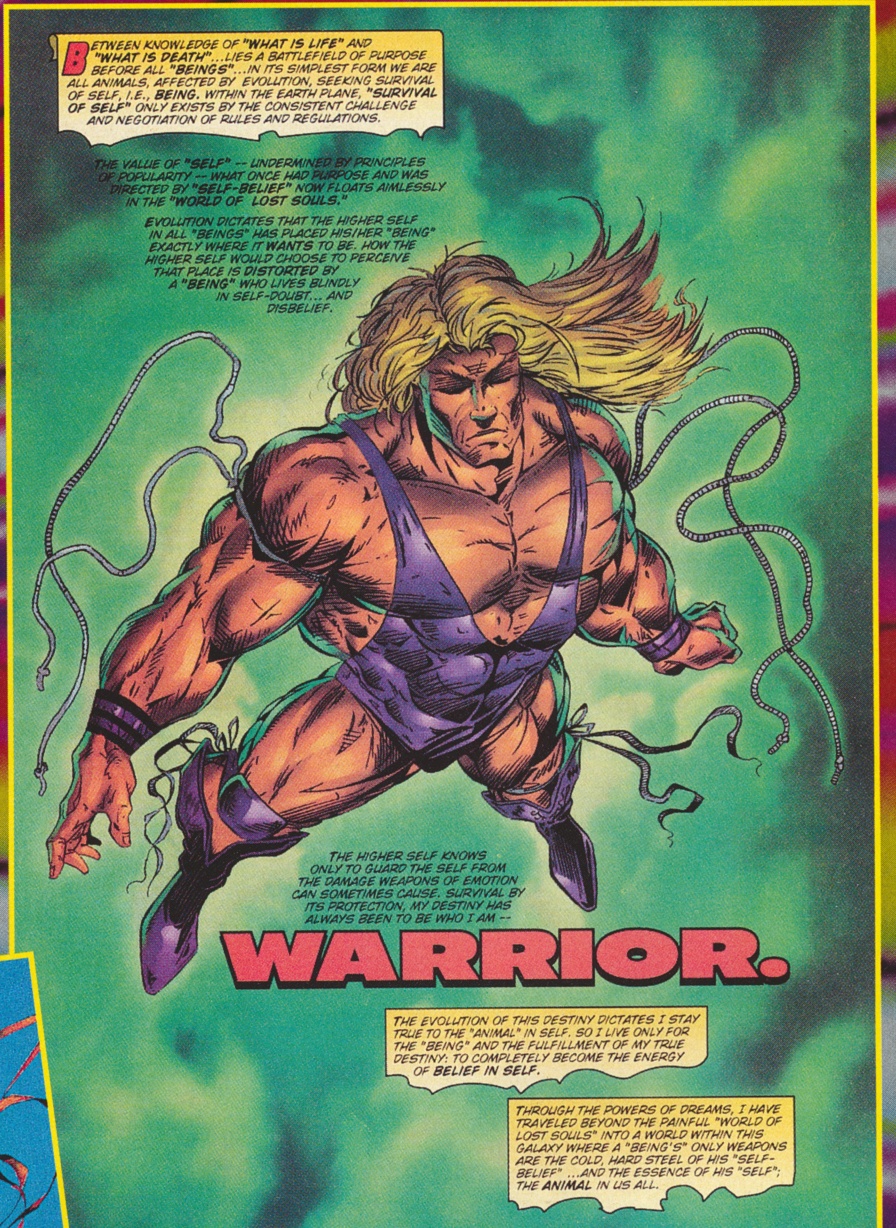
As many fans recall, the Warrior disappeared from the World Wrestling Federation several years ago, with the same startling abruptness with which he rocketed into the sport of kings. While he had long pondered the possibility of transforming himself into a comic book figure, the roots of his current project truly took shape during his sabbatical from the squared circle.

"Over the years that I was gone [from wrestling], I came to realize that my fans not only appreciated the Ultimate Warrior as an athlete but the message of the powers in self-belief," he recalls. "As an entertainer so often referred to in terms of 'as if he just walked off the pages of a comic book,' it was only natural I take my very own Warrior ideology within my life and present it in comic book form. I very much believe that it is not coincidence that I am here, ready to enter the world of comics. Warrior's premise is the 'show and tell' of the strength of these beliefs."

In the comic book, the character has what he believes is a very vivid dream, only to discover that he's evolved into another lifetime. Naturally, the experience of the illustrated figure is much different from that of the real-life Ultimate Warrior. But the values that drive the comic book hero are not unlike the disciplines guiding the life of the wrestler fans have grown to idolize.

"My life has been a testimonial of belief in self," he points out. "I was raised by a single parent who did little to instill self-esteem in me. I always found myself in the wrong place at the wrong time and, quite literally, was voted least likely to succeed by my high school graduation class. It's funny how now I look back and recall being labeled a kid with 'attitude and rebellious tendencies,' when in truth, I was surviving with all anyone ever really has, the belief in myself. Now, I realize the course of my life, my career as the Ultimate Warrior and the placement and timing of events in my life are of purpose, of destiny."

The process of placing his principles in comic book form was long and methodical. The story "is the evolution of who I am," the Warrior claims. "It is the evolution of my destiny to express the importance of my life-changing beliefs and what they can do for others. I sincerely believe in an individual's higher self. We live our lives and learn from the lives we live. I believe that when we check out of this lifetime, we go into a holding pattern and look for an existence within another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lifetime, chosen by our higher self, that has a different set of values and challenges. We raise our level of evolution with every new lifetime. I believe we all have the same capabilities to achieve the highest form of evolution. Those true to the 'self,' those who exist creatively and of intuition, have evolved to what I believe is a higher level."

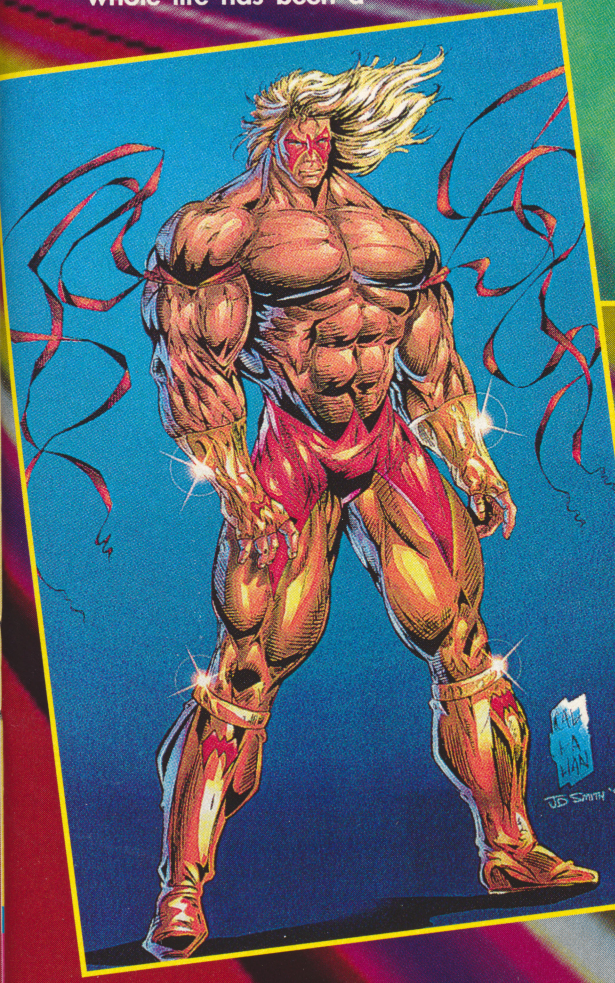
When someone takes such a firm and controversial position, he has to expect resistance. And the Warrior is more than prepared for criticism from his adversaries in both the wrestling and art worlds. But, he hastens to mention, "I'm not concerned about what other people think of me, but I do want to make sure that the people who read the Warrior comic book understand the living of one's life and how it is their option, no one else's.

"I'm real strong that way in my life. I'm real 'out of the system' with living life according to how the 'system' is. It's because my whole life has been a testimonial to doing the exact opposite of what the 'system' dictates—within the guidelines of the law, of course—and then finding success. I think a lot of people in the world can relate to that. The premises of staying true to yourself and doing what you believe are the realities of life, not just the comic book."

Since his return to the World Wrestling Federation at *WrestleMania XII*, the Warrior has exhibited an intensity that even surpasses the magnitude of his prior achievements. His spirited outlook is based on the deep conviction that the fans are the ones who invigorate him and, therefore, he is obligated to captivate them in electrifyingly new ways.

"The bottom line is this," he stresses. "The Ultimate Warrior never forgot who made him—the fans. And my attitude is the same with my comic book endeavor."

For information about the Warrior comic book, contact: Ultimate Creations, 10320 North Scottsdale Rd., Scottsdale, AZ 85253.



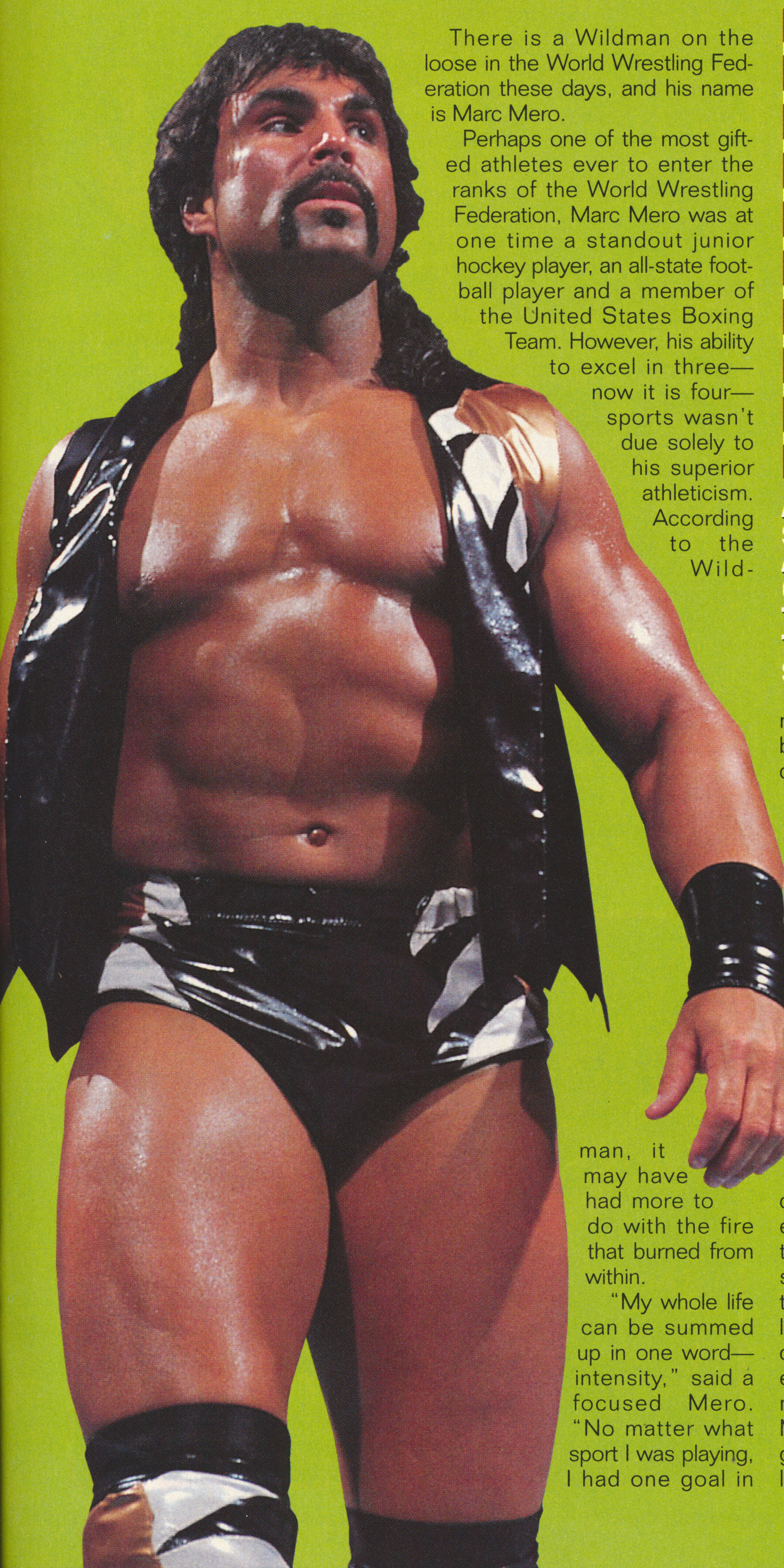
a walk on the WILD side!

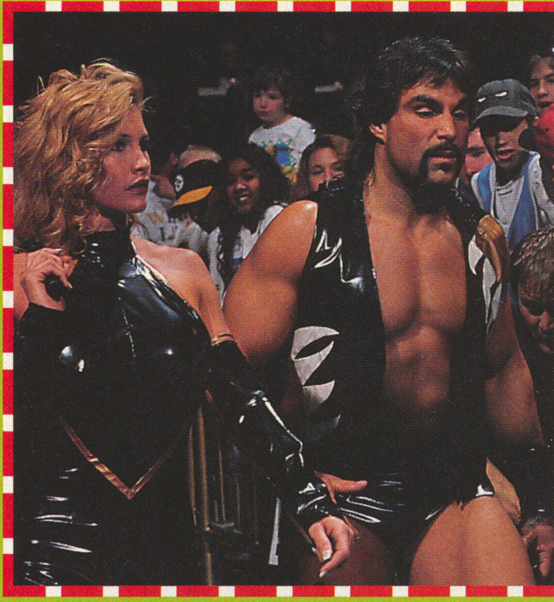
BY VINCE RUSSO

There are many ways to beat a man, but only one... before any physical contact is made.

"It happens when he looks into these eyes. Unsuspecting, he stares into the sparkling glass and experiences a warm glow—a hazy reflection of the inferno that burns from within. Like a curious child, he feels a need to enter... to experience the unknown. And that's... when it happens. By the deadly claw of a panther hiding in the night, he is snatched—drawn deep inside the belly of the beast! Overcome with a fire so intense that it scorches his very spirit. It robs him of his breath, and it overcomes him. Then, as he drowns in the flames of eternal bliss, he realizes at a point when it is much too late... that he should never have crossed that line. He should have never dared to 'enter the jungle'"!

Descriptive? Maybe. Truthful? ABSOLUTELY!





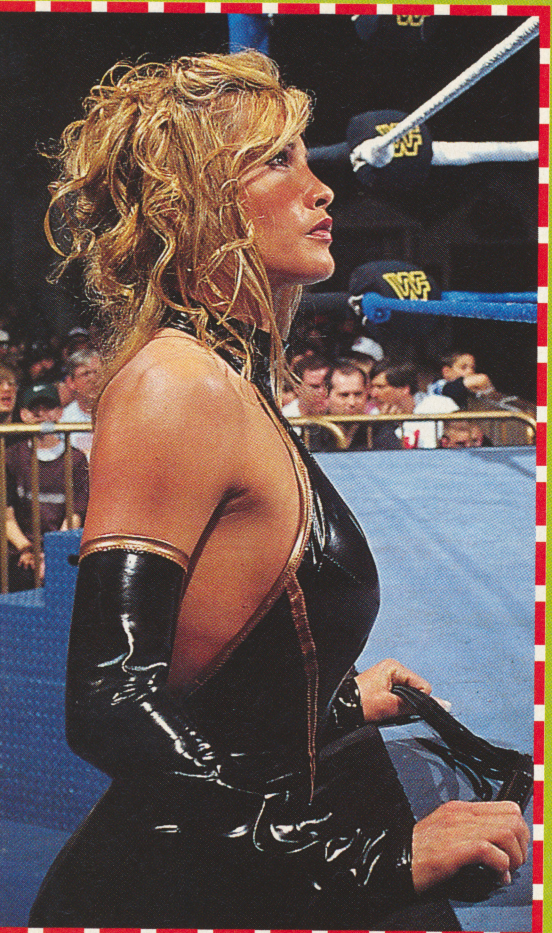
AH, YES, SABLE. THE SULTRY BEAUTY WHO APPEARS TO BE THE ONLY ONE CAPABLE OF TAMING MERO WITHIN THE CONFINES OF THE SQUARED CIRCLE.

There is a Wildman on the loose in the World Wrestling Federation these days, and his name is Marc Mero.

Perhaps one of the most gifted athletes ever to enter the ranks of the World Wrestling Federation, Marc Mero was at one time a standout junior hockey player, an all-state football player and a member of the United States Boxing Team. However, his ability to excel in three—now it is four—sports wasn't due solely to his superior athleticism. According to the Wildman, it may have had more to do with the fire that burned from within.

"My whole life can be summed up in one word—intensity," said a focused Mero. "No matter what sport I was playing, I had one goal in mind, and that goal was to win. I believe that the eyes are the window to the soul and that the intensity comes from within. That's the law of the land when I'm in the ring... my jungle. Once I focus in on my opponent, my desire to win just overcomes me! That's what turns Mark Mero from man to... Wildman!"

Throughout his entire life, nothing has been able to tame the Wildman. Unfortunately, there were negatives that went along with the positives. When Mero was a child growing up, he tended to walk on the wild side, many times choosing to later pay the heavy consequences. At times Mero even found himself in trouble with the law, but to him that was a short sentence when compared to the burden that he would carry a lifetime: disappointing those who cared the most about him, his parents. "I did a lot of things that hurt my parents," admitted a subdued Mero. "As a kid I got arrested, I got involved with gangs—I did a lot of things that I now regret.



There came a time in my life when the Wildman just needed to grow up. Fortunately, with a deep belief in myself and the guidance of a much higher light, I was able to turn all that negative energy into a positive force. A force that has led me to a much higher ground. A force that eventually brought me to Sable!"

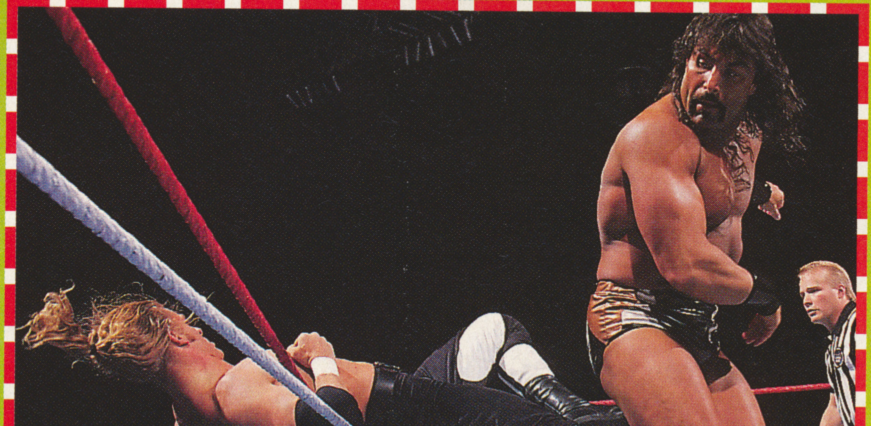
Ah, yes, Sable. The sultry beauty who appears to be the only one capable of taming Mero within the confines of the squared circle. Between the two, there appears an animal attraction so strong that Mero himself admits to not understanding it at times. "At this point I'm still not sure what it is," reflects Mero. "I only know that it's something much deeper than a love. It's something much deeper than a commitment. It's something that I just can't explain. It all started the first time I saw her... the first time I ever looked into her eyes. Those eyes... they just tell a story. They told me that there was some kind of connection there that was going to last for a long time... perhaps even for eternity. Every time that I look into them, they send me into a frenzy. They fill me with a desire to accomplish anything—and everything—that this world has to offer."

Within that "world" lie the challenges ahead that the World Wrestling Federation has to offer. To date, critics have praised Mero's aggressive, high-flying ring style; however, there are those who question how well the Wildman will fare against those opponents who perhaps possess a much greater power and strength than he does. Those like the "Man They Call Vader." "I've heard those critics," admits Mero. "And I've heard all about the Mankinds, the Undertakers and the Vaders. My question is: How well will men that big be able to adapt to a Wildman that can come from any angle? A Wildman that will use his entire body like a lethal weapon? You see, I'm not afraid to get hurt, nor am I afraid to hurt my opponent. If he's in the way, I'm going to attack him, I'm going to destroy him, I'm going to win."

However, as they say, "Winning" isn't everything.

WILD

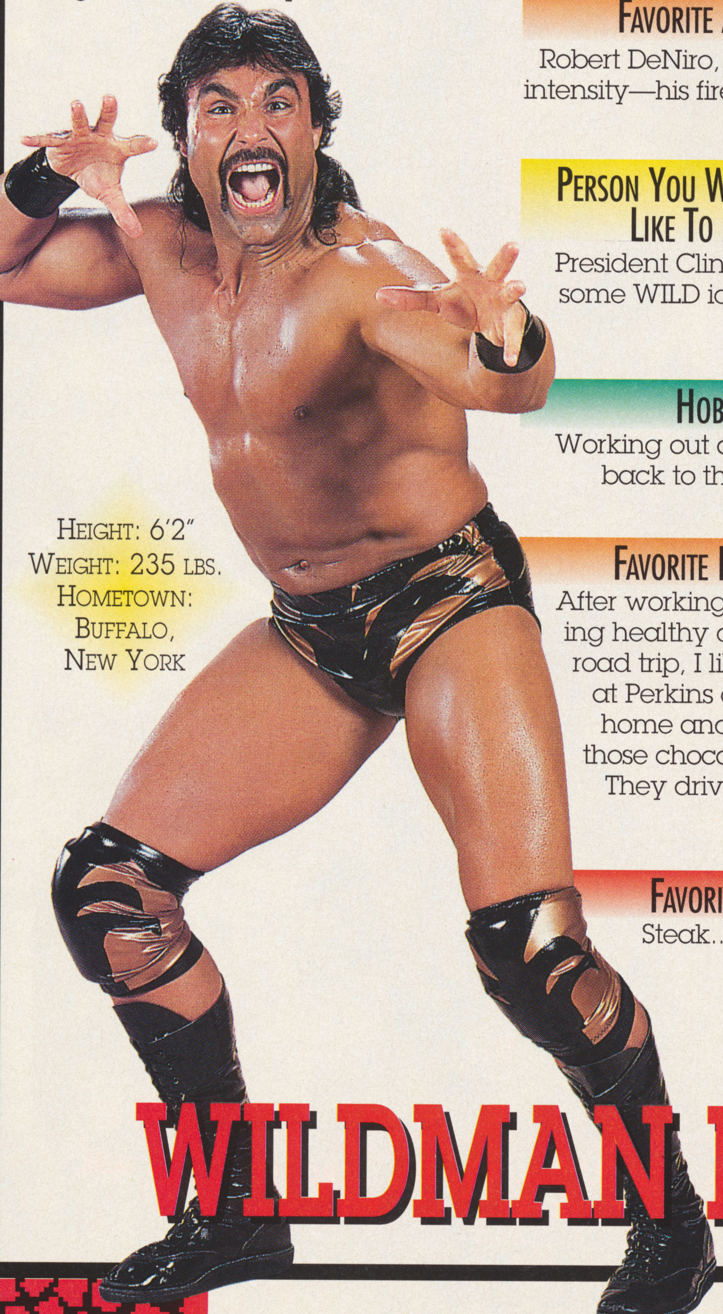
Deep inside the Wildman burns a passion. An passion so intense that it blazes like a scorching inferno being doused with octane. Marc Mero doesn't simply want to "win." Marc Mero wants to be the best. "I think that any superstar who has the opportunity to compete in the World Wrestling Federation would be a fool to say that he didn't want to be the Federation Champion," said Mero. "My goal since the first day that I set foot in here was to be the World Wrestling Federation Champion... to be 'the best.' With the Wildman come no limitations. Nobody tells me that I 'can't,' because Marc Mero 'can.' And, in the end... Marc Mero 'will.' So, welcome to the 'jungle,' and be prepared to go WILD!"



PERSONALITY PROFILE

If I Could Have Done It Differently:

The Wildman would have grown up a lot sooner. I would not have made the same mistakes that I made when I was younger. I regret having done a lot of things that hurt my parents. Fortunately, in time I was able to turn all that around. In that, I found a positive message to pass along: If the Wildman made it... so can you. It all comes from inside. You've got to believe in yourself.



Favorite Actress:

Sharon Stone—now there's a WILDWOMAN!

Favorite Movie:

Predator

Biggest Thrill In Life:

Meeting Sable

Favorite Actor:

Robert DeNiro, based on his intensity—his fire from within.

Person You Would Most Like To Meet:

President Clinton. I have some WILD ideas for him!

Hobbies:

Working out and giving back to the fans.

Favorite Fast Food:

After working out and eating healthy during a long road trip, I like to stop by at Perkins on my way home and eat one of those chocolate silk pies! They drive me WILD!

Favorite Food:

Steak... rare

Favorite Sport (Besides Wrestling):

Boxing

Best Advice Ever Received:

When my father told me to go back to school after I had dropped out. It changed my entire life. From there I graduated from high school,and went on to study Criminal Justice in college.

Favorite Athlete:

Muhammad Ali

Favorite Band:

The Wildman doesn't have a favorite band because not even music is capable of soothing the beast within. I answer to my own beat... a much different beat... a beat that many would never understand.

Secret Talent:

Being adaptable to any sport. I played junior hockey, was All-State in football and was on the United States Boxing Team.

Favorite Cartoon Character:

Foghorn Leghorn

Favorite Television Show:

Seinfeld. Kramer wrote the book on being WILD!

Favorite Video Game:

Tetris—it drives me WILD!

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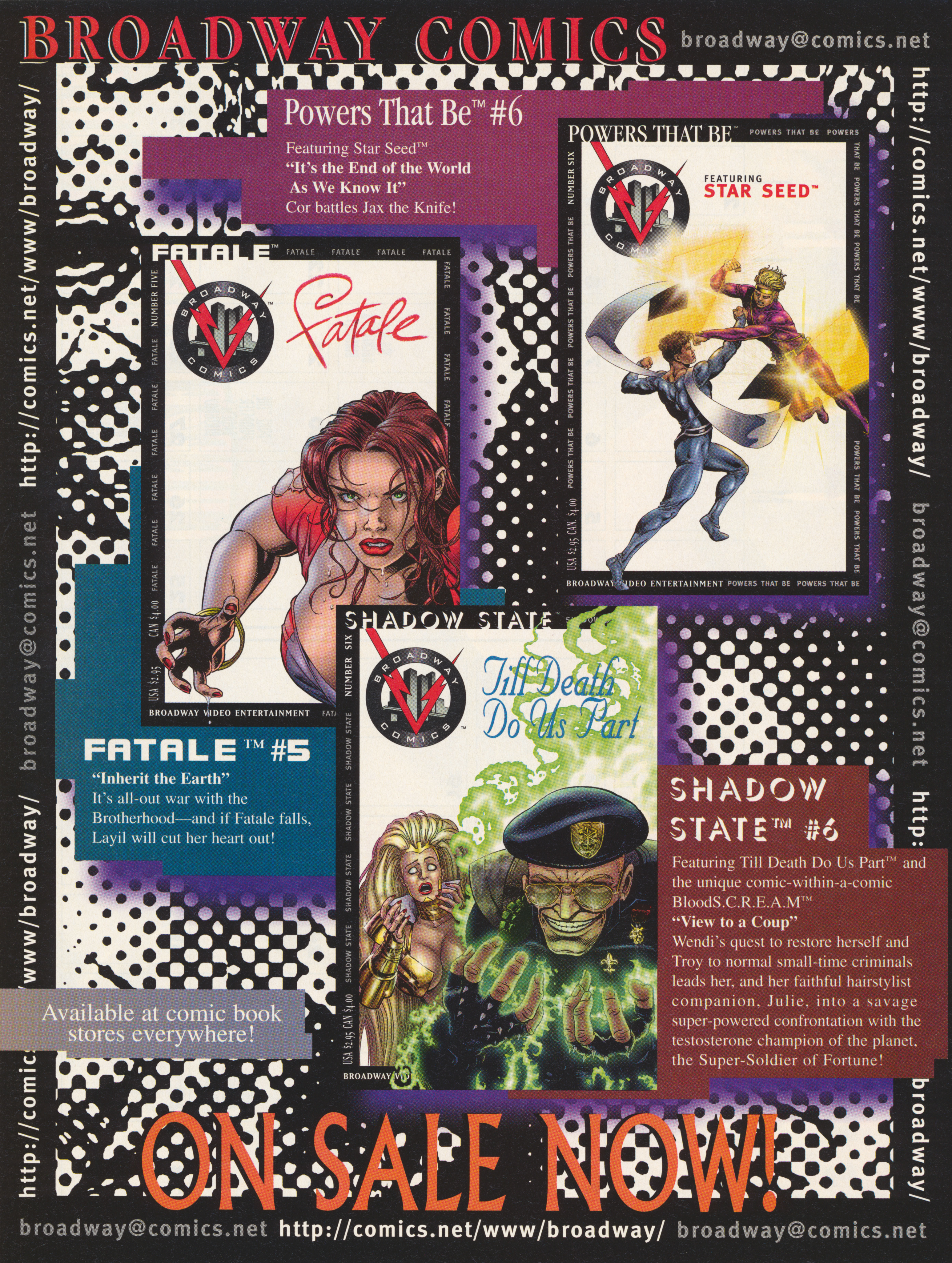
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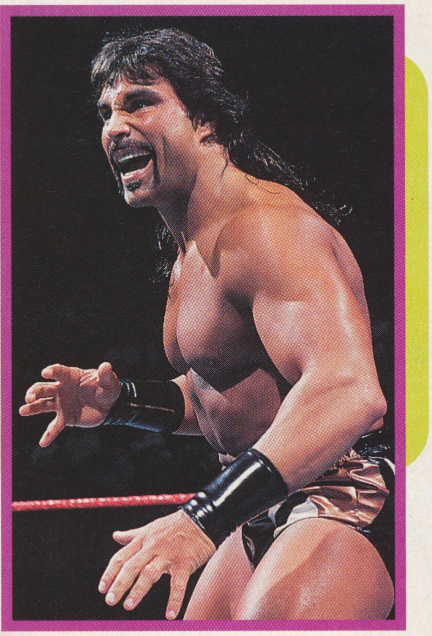
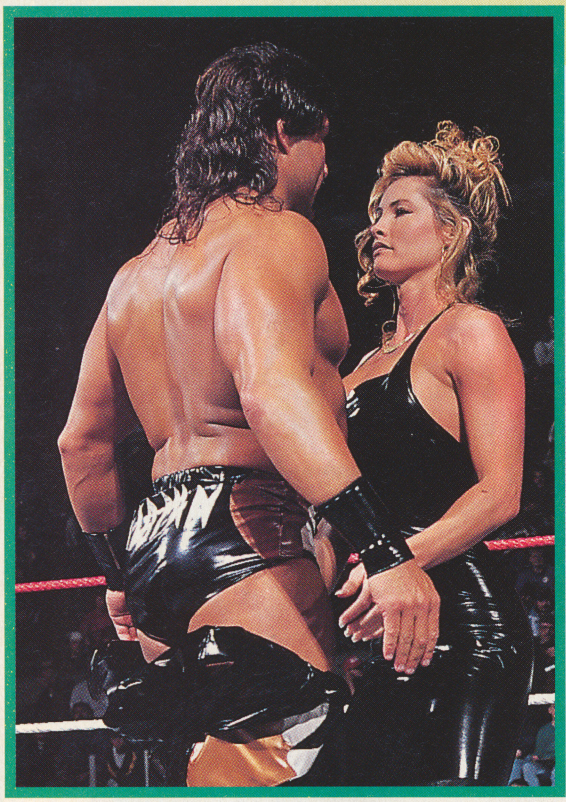


Upon making his World Wrestling Federation debut at WrestleMania XII, Marc Mero wasted no time in showing the millions watching on pay-per-view exactly why they called this man "WILD!" During his interview with Todd Pettengill, Mero was rudely interrupted by none other than the Greenwich snob himself, Hunter Hearst-Helmsley, who was lambasting his valet for the night—blaming her for his loss to the Ultimate Warrior. Taking offense at Hunter's "offensive" behavior, the beast from within was unleashed, and Mero viciously drove Hunter into a ribbed steel wall. The two rumbled on the concrete floor until Federation officials and agents were able to break it up.



The following evening on Monday Night Raw, in an effort to show her gratitude, Sable, Hunter's valet the previous night, showed up at ringside to lend support to Mero, who was making his Federation ring debut. However, perhaps overcome by jealousy, Hunter Hearst-Helmsley decided to also show up. In an effort to win back the "property" that he claimed Mero had stolen from him, Helmsley gave Sable his sales pitch, but the beautiful feline wasn't buying. She promptly smacked Helmsley across the face and jumped into the arms of her apparent "soulmate" Marc Mero.

At April's In Your House, the saga continued. Mero, with Sable in his corner, seemed to have things going his way in his "Free For All" match against the 1-2-3 Kid. Unfortunately, once again Hunter Hearst-Helmsley decided to enter the "jungle." Out of nowhere, Hunter hit the ring and Pedigreed an unsuspecting Mero, knocking the Wildman out cold. Mero was awarded the match via DQ, but to him the win was insignificant. All the predator could think about was getting his claws on his prey. In time, Hunter Hearst-Helmsley would have to answer the "Call of the Wild"!

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IN YOUR HOUSE

WORLD WRESTLING FEDERATION CHAMPION

SHAWN MICHAELS VS. THE BRITISH BULLDOG

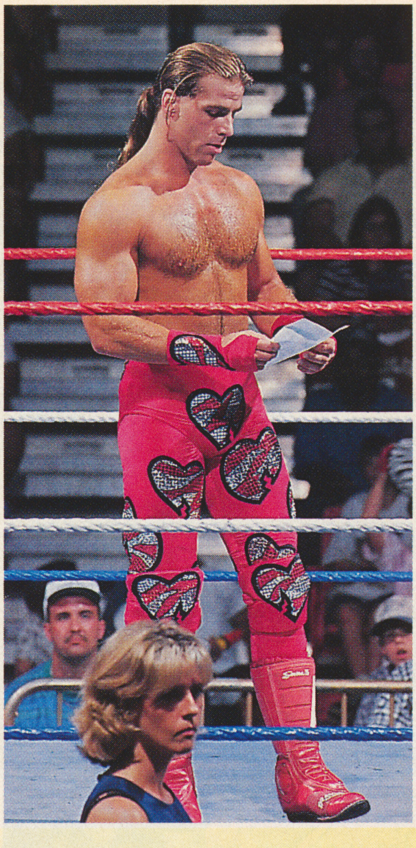
It was the climax of one of the strangest nights in World Wrestling Federation history.

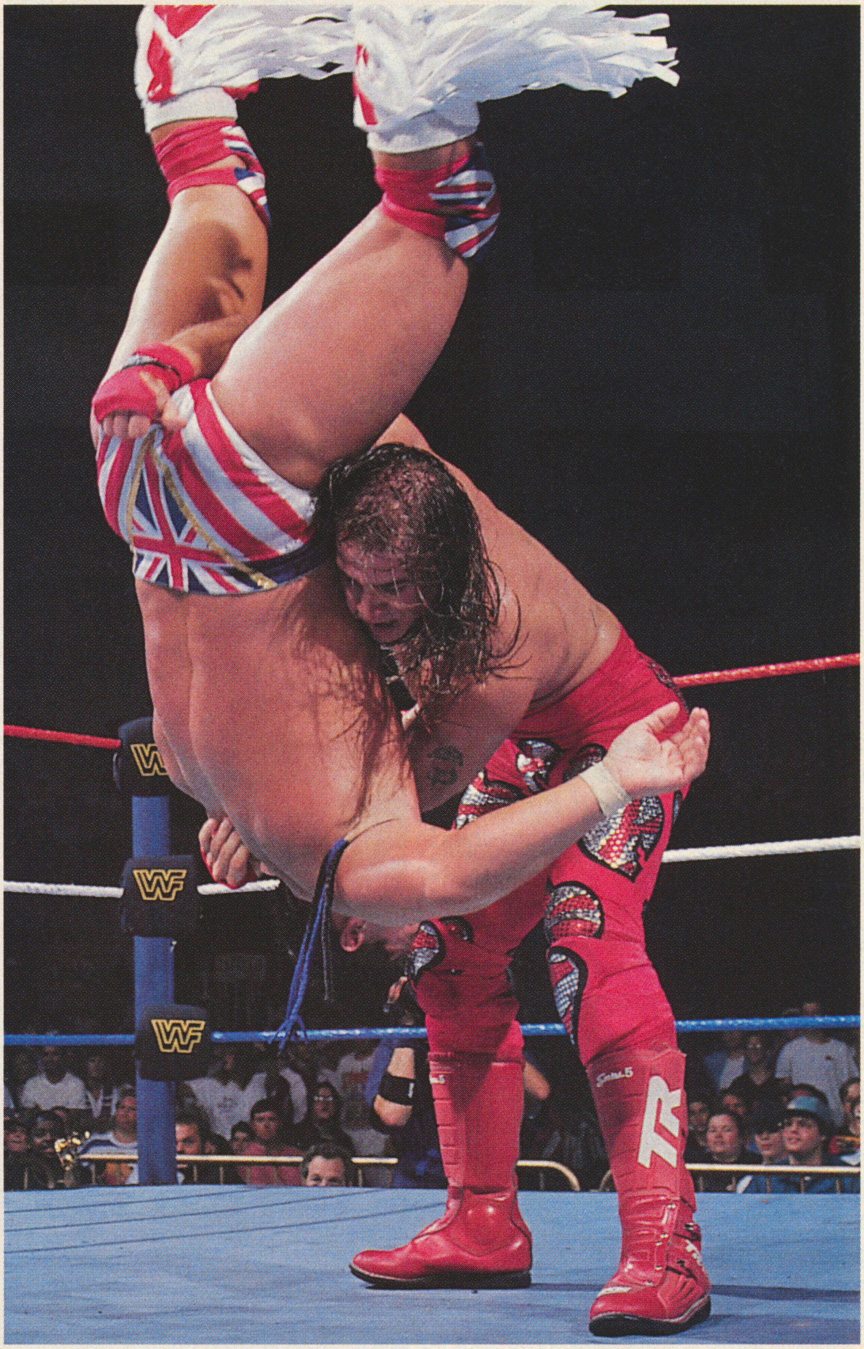
Michaels' camp was concerned that events surrounding the pay-per-view event would distract the champion from the task at hand. First, Shawn was faced with the allegations that he'd tried to seduce the British Bulldog's wife, Diana Smith. Then it was announced that Bulldog's regular tag team partner, Owen Hart, had received a license to manage his teammate for this match. Then the telecast was briefly knocked out by a violent storm. Then, on the way out of the dressing room, the champion had a staredown with Mr. Perfect. And, finally, the Bulldog's lawyer, Clarence Mason, served the Federation titlist with a summons for "attempted alienation of affection" in the challenger's marriage.

> **"Bottom line is that Shawn Michaels had his shoulders pinned to the mat 1-2-3! The only reason he is still the World Wrestling Federation Champion is because he paid off that 'illegal' referee!"—BRITISH BULLDOG**

The champ appeared relatively unconcerned. He tore up the subpoena seconds after it was handed to him. And, when the Bulldog tried taking advantage of Shawn's confusion, the titlist assumed control, diving over the ropes onto his foe on the arena floor. Bulldog attempted to break Michaels' momentum, catching his foot as he tried a kick in center ring. But Shawn simply bounced off his other foot and nailed the contender in the head with the opposite leg.

Michaels tried tying up the Bulldog on the mat, but the challenger exhibited his incredible might by grasping onto the champ, hoisting him off the canvas and dumping him down. Af-





ter punishing Michaels with kicks and headbutts, Bulldog lifted his opponent into a backbreaker. Shawn hung perilously over his adversary's shoulder, blood rushing into the champion's head, but refused to submit. He broke free, ran the ropes and tried a crucifix. However, Bulldog fell backward onto his opponent, then hurt him with a legdrop.

Once again, the champ tried running the ropes, but the Bulldog used Shawn's speed against him, tripping the champ as he bounded off the strands. The Heartbreak Kid tumbled outside the ring, where the Bulldog slung him into the guardrail.

Shawn struggled to make it back onto the apron. The Bulldog met him at the ropes, poised to inflict more punishment. Michaels countered by crouching down and driving a shoulder into his

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"What's there to talk about?! All I know is that I was careless! I made a mistake, and in doing so I let down all those people who brought me to the dance! I let down the KLIQ!"—SHAWN MICHAELS

opponent's midsection, then jumping backward off the ring apron with his hands around his foe's head, forcing his throat into the top ring rope.

The Bulldog fell to the mat but got back up in time for Shawn to reposition himself on the apron and fly over the strands, zapping his adversary with a clothesline.

The two tried running the ropes again. Several times, they shoulderblocked one another. Both men were weakened by these blows, but each persisted, hoping to wear the other down. At one point, Bulldog collided with the referee, and the impact sent the official flying onto the arena floor.

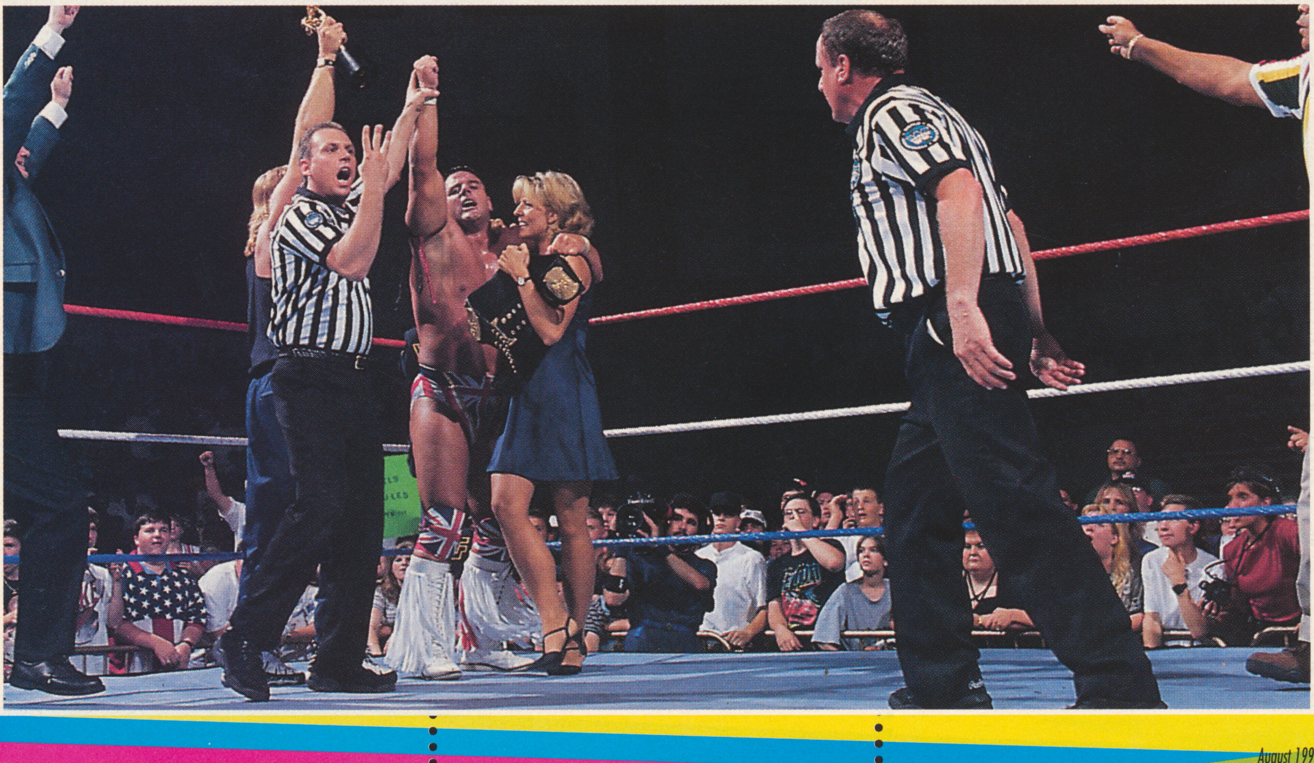
The arbiter never saw Michaels climb to the top turnbuckle and hit the contender with an elbowdrop. Nor did the official notice Owen Hart sneaking into the ring and getting blasted by Shawn's signature sidekick, better known as "chin music."

The chaos was finally starting to get to Shawn. The Bulldog jumped him from the rear and lifted him for a powerslam. Remarkably, Michaels managed to break free, slipping down his opponent's back and shoving him, face-first, into the corner. As a second referee monitored the action, Michaels delivered a back suplex and appeared to bridge his body and score the pinfall.

Needless to say, the crowd was stunned when the new ref raised the Bulldog's arm. Shawn's shoulders were the ones on the canvas, the official said, and the Bulldog had won the belt!

The first referee jumped into the ring, vehemently arguing with his colleague. The Bulldog's manager, Jim Cornette, did a gleeful jig around his protegé as Diana Smith left the ring with the belt. But before she could make it back to the dressing room with the prize, World Wrestling Federation President Gorilla Monsoon snatched it out of her hands.

As the crowd held its breath, Monsoon announced his verdict. Each referee had counted a different man's shoulders, he said. The match was, therefore, a draw. But since a title cannot change hands under these circumstances, Shawn remained the champ—at least until his next confrontation with the British Bulldog.

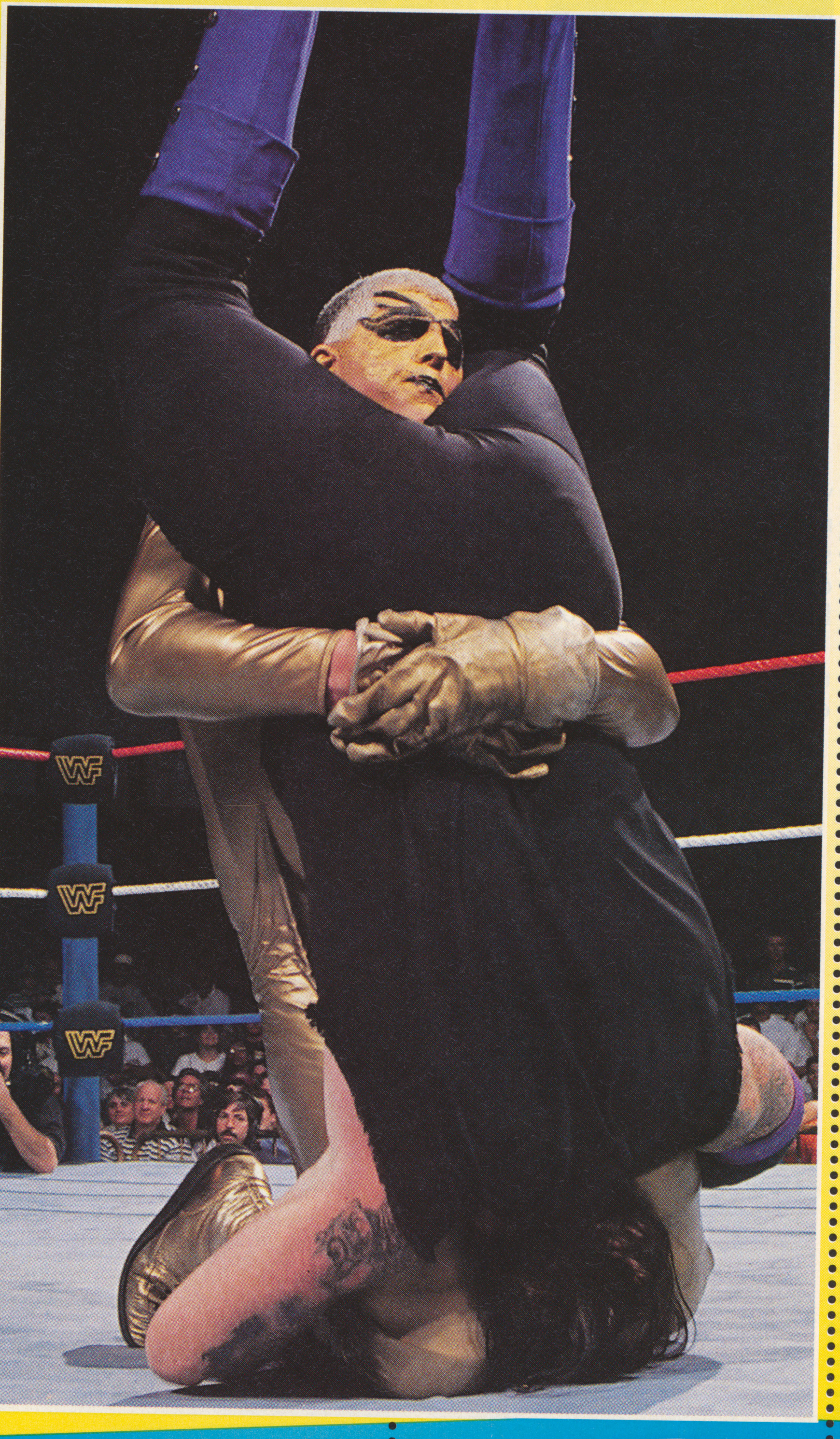


CASKET MATCH

WORLD WRESTLING FEDERATION INTERCONTINENTAL CHAMPION

GOLDUST VS. THE UNDERTAKER

"Wild thing... you make my heart sing. And, Dead Man, you will never forget the name... Goldust."



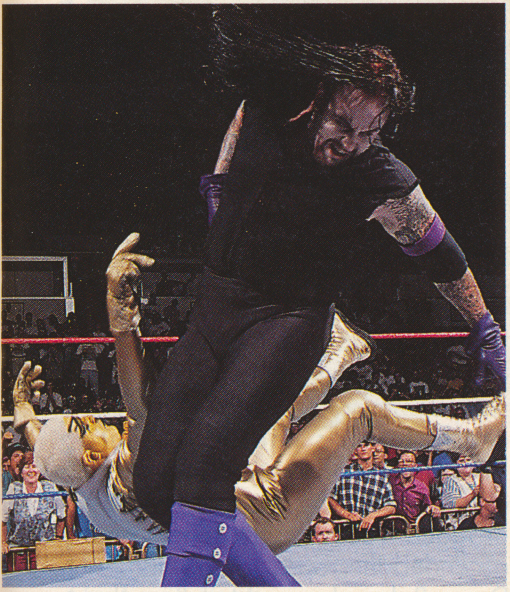
Undertaker seemed to be as adept at psychological warfare as his mind-bending foe, sneaking into the ring as Goldust was looking for his opponent to emerge from the dressing room and tossing the flamboyant one all over the canvas and onto the gold casket designed specifically for the Federation's Intercontinental Champion.

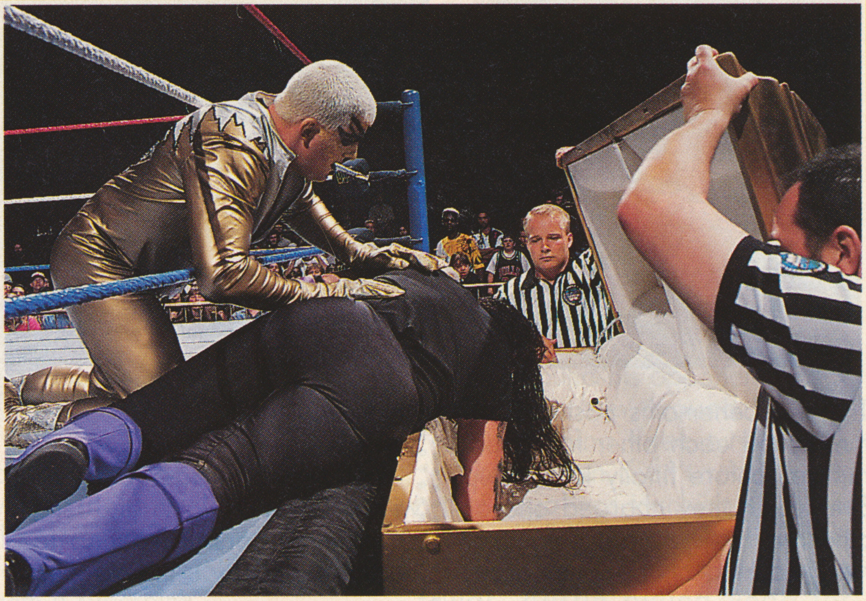
On the arena floor, the Undertaker smashed his foe into the coffin and ringside steps, then bodyslammed and legdropped him in the squared circle. Climbing to the turnbuckles with Goldust in a wristlock, Undertaker walked across the top rope, then crashed down on his foe's extended limb.

Goldust kept fighting, shocking the Undertaker by blasting him with his own finishing maneuver, the Tombstone. Bouncing off the ropes, Goldust delivered a flying headbutt, then rolled the World Wrestling Federation's resident Grim Reaper into the casket. But the Undertaker popped right out.

Goldust continued the assault, strangling his opponent with a television cable on the arena floor, pounding him with fists in the ring and clamping on a sleeper. The Man from the Dark Side seemed to lose conscious-

"Mankind, you will pay the price for sticking your nose in my Undertaker's business! Crossing over into the darkness is the most 'INSANE' decision that you're ever going to make! Ohhh, yess!!"—PAUL BEARER

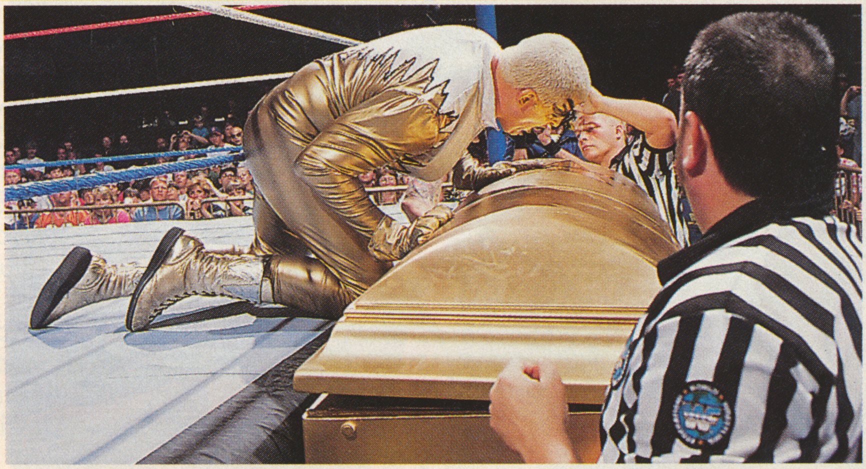


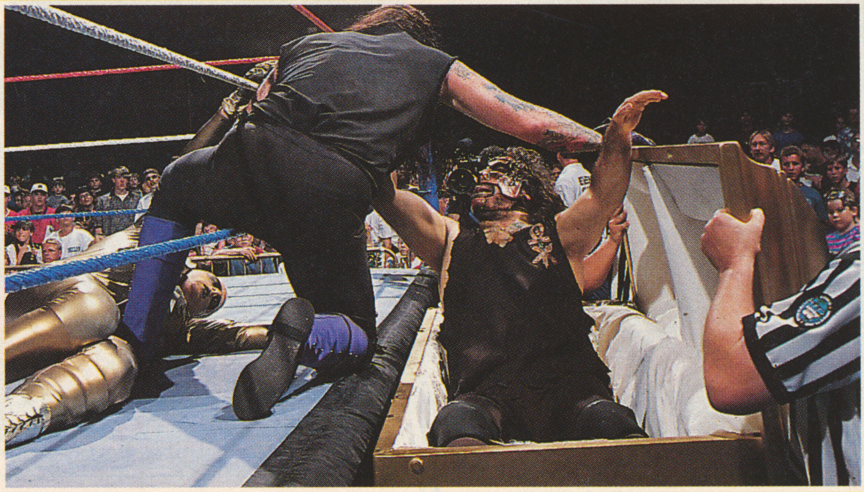


ness, and Goldust again rolled him into the casket. The Intercontinental Champion sat on top of the lid to shut it, but the Undertaker shoved his foe off, rocketing him into the air.

Goldust came right back with a powerslam, then launched himself off the top turnbuckle with a flying clothesline. He covered Undertaker for the pin, then realized the match couldn't be won without placing the loser in the casket. Mimicking the Undertaker, Goldust placed his opponent in a wristlock and tried walking the ropes. Angered, Undertaker slung his opponent across the ring and delivered a Tombstone piledriver.

However, as the Undertaker opened the coffin, his archenemy Mankind greeted him from inside the enclosure, choking the Pale Warrior and locking him in the box. World Wrestling Federation officials struggled to open up the case, but when they finally succeeded, the Undertaker had vanished.





YOKOZUNA VS. VADER

"How dare Yokozuna put his hands on me! That ungrateful tub of lard got exactly what he deserved tonight!"— JIM CORNETTE

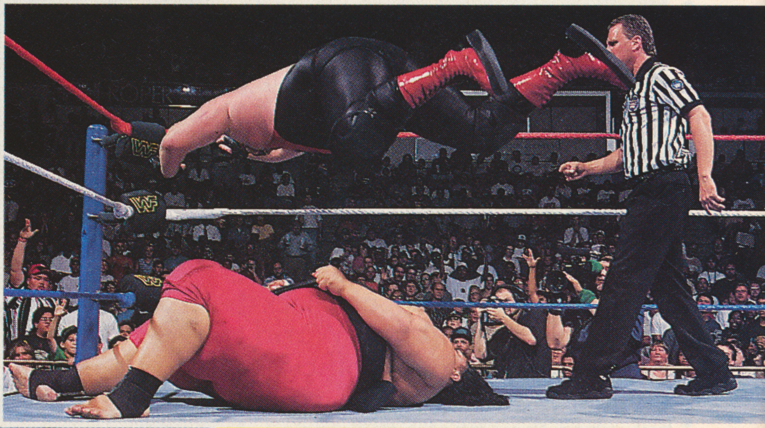
The two behemoths postured and threatened each other for several minutes before finally locking up. Eventually, they charged one another, with Yokozuna ending up on top, knocking his opponent down to the mat and clotheslining him over the ropes.

In the ring, Vader countered with a series of rights and lefts to Yokozuna's ears. Yokozuna took back the lead by using his weight as a weapon, elbowdropping Vader's left knee. Again, Vader responded with fists. And again, Yokozuna dropped an elbow onto his adversary's knee.

This proved to be a critical maneuver, as when Vader later tried bodyslamming Yokozuna, the Colorado terror's knee gave out. Yokozuna followed up with a choke slam and Samoan Drop, dragged Vader to the corner and ascended the ropes for the Banzai Drop. Before he could deliver the move, though, Vader's manager Jim Cornette intervened, and Yokozuna pulled him into the ring, headbutting him.

Ignoring Vader, Yokozuna tried executing the Banzai Drop on the adviser, but Vader pulled the manager to safety. As Yokozuna hit the mat hard, Vader took out his rival's leg, delivered the Vader Bomb and left the ring, limping but victorious.

"I'm too disgusted with myself to even talk."— YOKOZUNA



CARIBBEAN STRAP MATCH

SAVIO VEGA VS. STONE COLD STEVE AUSTIN

"No excuses, my own mistakes beat me in that ring tonight, not Savio Vega. Now his punishment is going to be even more severe."—STONE COLD STEVE AUSTIN

After a decade of terror and disruption, Million Dollar Man Ted DiBiase was finally driven from the World Wrestling Federation by Savio Vega.

At Vega's request, this contest required both men to be tied together by a strap. The rules for this match stipulated that the winner had to tangle up the loser and drag him to all four corners. Austin and his manager, DiBiase, only agreed to the provision on the condition that if Vega lost, he'd serve as their chauffeur.

As the wrestlers were about to rumble, the elements took over. A storm blew out a transformer, and the combatants were forced to wrestle in the dark. To compensate for the confusion, the World Wrestling Federation scheduled a rematch two days later—a contest that saw DiBiase add to the intrigue by offering to forfeit his career if his charge didn't emerge victorious.

The gladiators laced into each other, both in and out of the ring. Savio impressed the crowd by placing his foe on the top rope, whacking him with the leather thong, clutching him in a front facelock and going backward with a superplex.

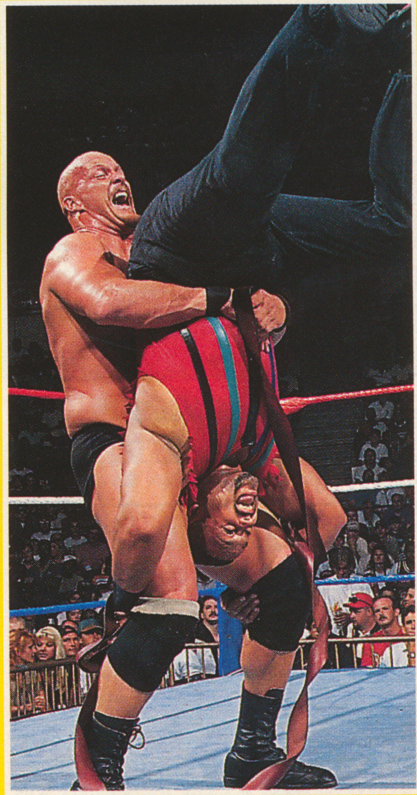
Austin battled back, lifting Vega for a Tombstone piledriver, but the Puerto Rican somehow wheeled around, setting up Stone Cold for the maneuver. Austin now reversed the move, turning Savio upside-down. Rather than being driven into the mat, Savio tumbled over the ropes.

Austin tried diving from the top buckle onto his opponent on the arena floor. But Vega yanked the strap, and Stone Cold flew into the guardrail.

In the ring, Austin finally got to deliver his piledriver. "Give him one more for insurance," DiBiase commanded from ringside. But when Stone Cold attempted to follow orders, Vega surprised him, executing a high back-bodydrop. Austin came back with the Million Dollar Dream—Vega powered out just as he was about to fade.

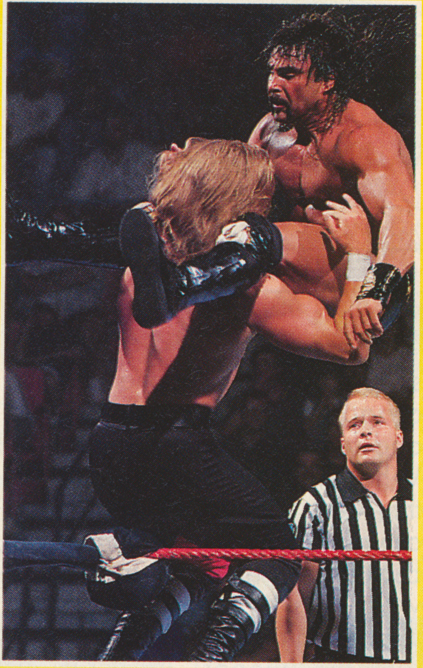
Then Stone Cold wound the strap around his opponent's neck, dragging him around the ring and touching three turnbuckles. What Austin didn't realize was that Vega was touching each one as well. Before reaching the fourth buckle, they engaged in a tug of war. Austin pulled Vega forward—right into the corner. Savio was the winner! As a furious Austin stalked off, Vega sang a sneering good-bye to the Million Dollar Man Ted DiBiase.

"Over my dead body was Stone Cold Steve Austin going to beat me in a Caribbean Strap Match! And, if he wants to go again... he knows where to find Savio Vega!"—SAVIO VEGA



WILDMAN MARC MERO VS. HUNTER HEARST-HELMSLEY

"Tonight, Hunter Hearst-Helmsley was officially welcomed into 'The Jungle.' He can come up with all the excuses he wants, but the bottom line is I heard the 'Call of the Wild' and I answered it!"—WILDMAN MARC MERO



There were some concerns about Mero's condition before the match. Earlier in the weekend, he'd been jumped by Bob Backlund and placed in the cross-face chicken wing. Then Helmsley slipped into the ring and punished Mero with the Pedigree. But Mero seemed to be in top form at the start of the match and unloaded on the "American Blueblood."

Helmsley was thinking defensively. When Mero charged him in the corner, Hunter moved—and the Wildman crashed, shoulder-first, into the ringpost. Capitalizing on Mero's injury, Helmsley caught his foe in an armbar and drove the limb into the mat. Then, pointing at and taunting Mero's valet, Sable—who'd once accompanied the Blueblood to ringside and is the source of the tension between the two men—Helmsley continued mangling the arm.

Mero shifted the tide back in his favor by shaking the ropes as Helmsley mounted them, forcing him to crotch himself on the top strand. Setting up the Blueblood on the top turnbuckle, Mero leaped skyward, caught Hunter in a headscissors and twirled him to the mat. Another flying headscissors, followed by a sunset flip, nearly finished off Helmsley. But when Mero tried somersaulting over the ropes onto him on the arena floor, Hunter stepped back and watched his foe crash land.

Helmsley probably could have taken the match at this point—had he not been preoccupied with Sable. First, he left the ring and demanded that she watch him punish her man. Then he returned between the ropes, positioning Mero for the Pedigree, while looking over at the shapely valet. With Hunter distracted, Mero surprised the Blueblood by going low, grabbing his legs, slingshotting him into the steel ring post and scoring a stunning pin.

"I came out here and I wrestled like a gentleman! I followed all the rules! The Wildman Marc Mero chose to throw the rule book away! With the help of outside interference from that "used" broad, to hitting me with a foreign object—a six-inch steel pole—I didn't stand a chance! Where's the justice?!"—HUNTER HEARST-HELMSLEY

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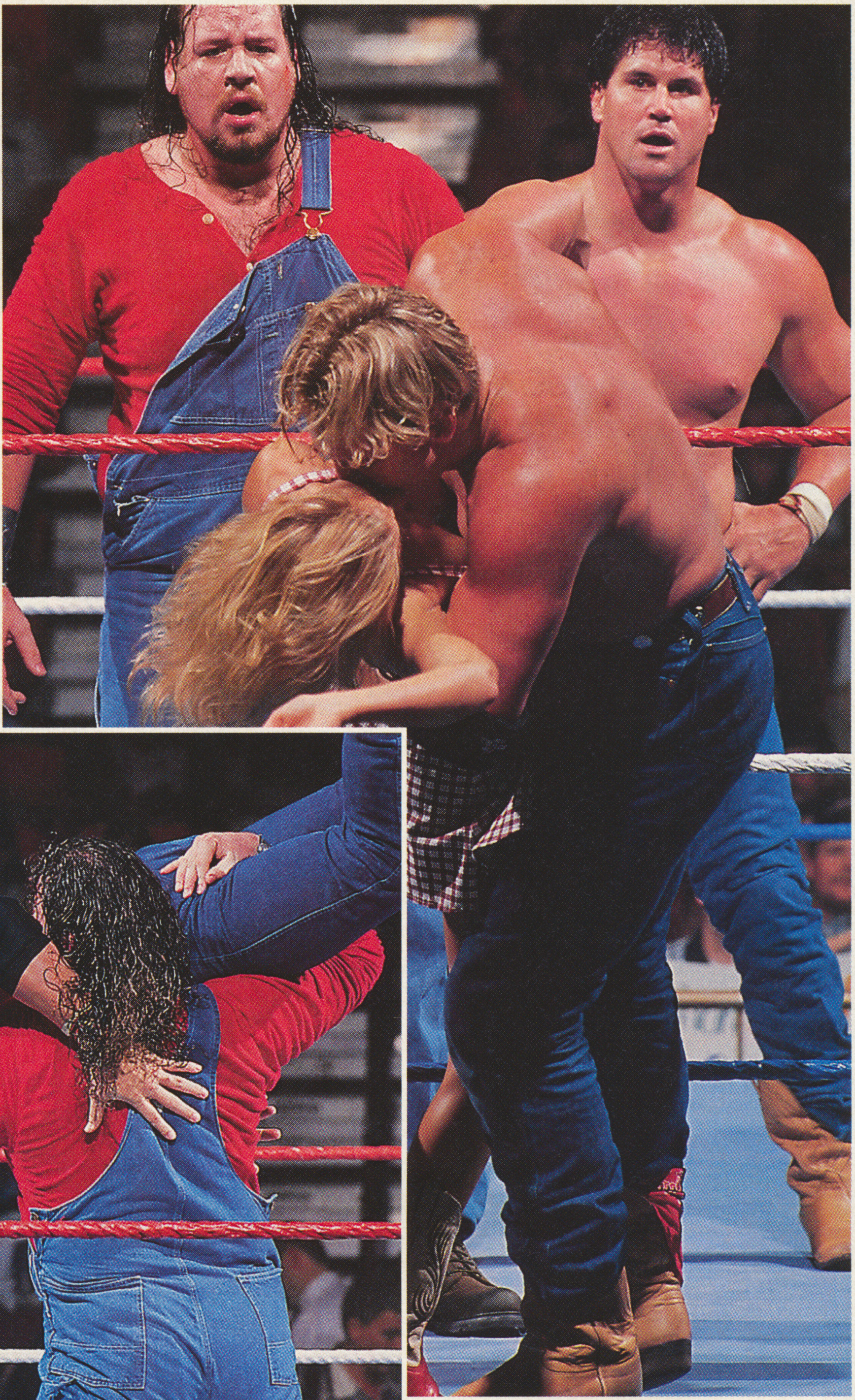
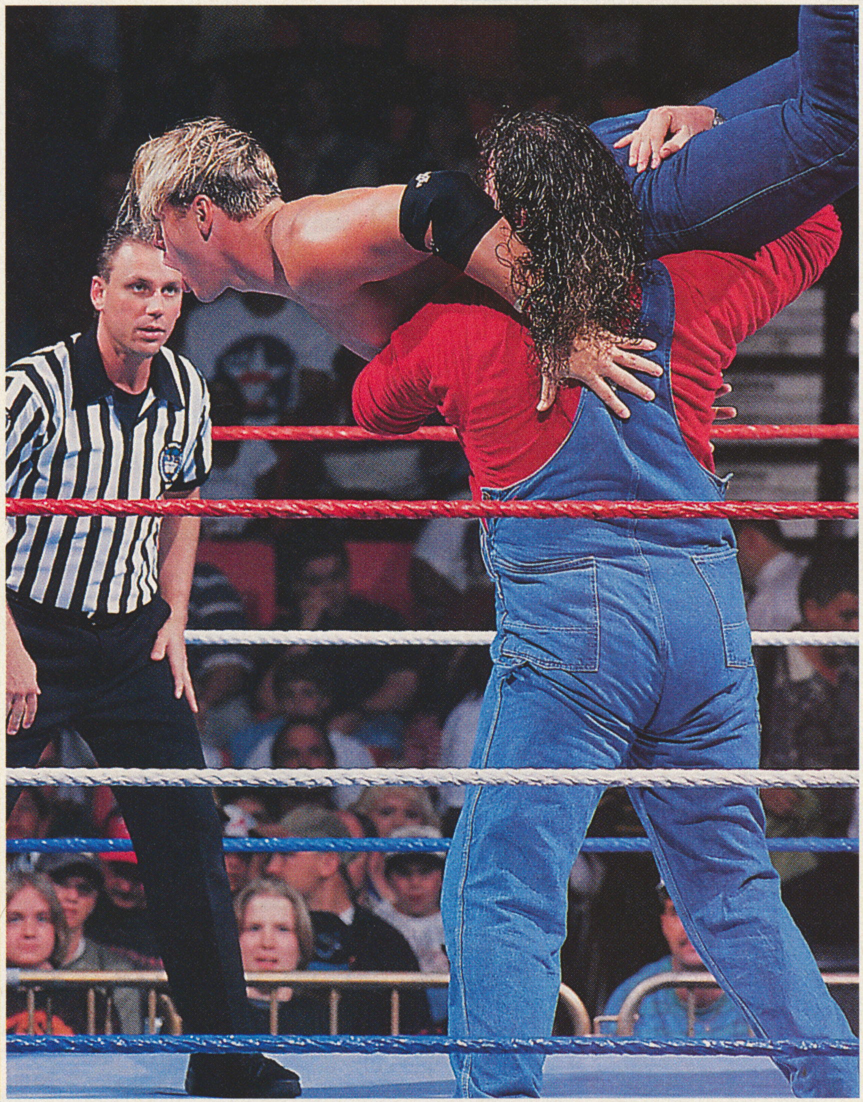


Before the start of the pay-per-view, fans were treated to a free Tag Team Title match, featuring the champs, Henry and Phineas Godwinn, defending their belts against former kingpins the Smoking Gunns. Before the match, it was announced that Sunny had used her sultry charms to convince Phineas to sign her up as co-manager, along with Hillbilly Jim. In the middle of the free-for-all contest, she marched over to the Gunns' side of the ring, apparently to distract Bart Gunn. But Billy Gunn stood in her way and planted a kiss on the lips of the stunning adviser. This caused Phineas to fly into a jealous rage—allowing Bart to sneak up behind him and roll him up to take the title. But one night later on *Monday Night Raw*, it was revealed that the entire incident had been planned; Sunny was plotting with the Gunns to pinch the straps all along. WF



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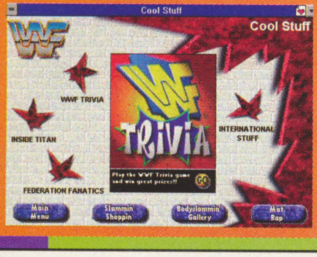
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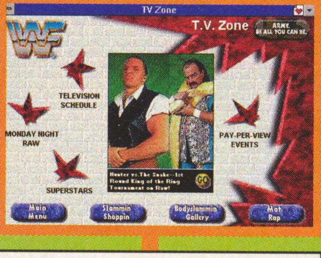
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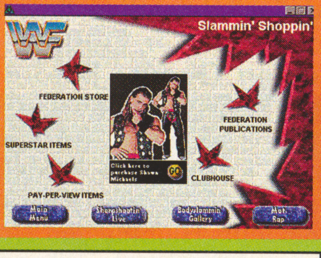
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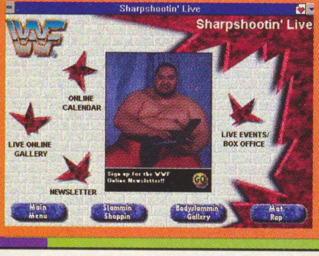
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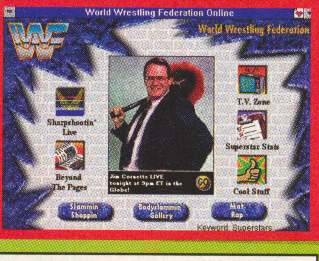
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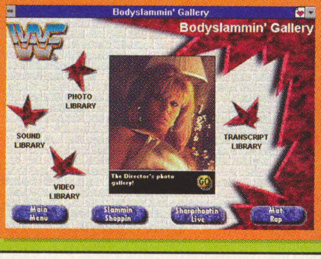
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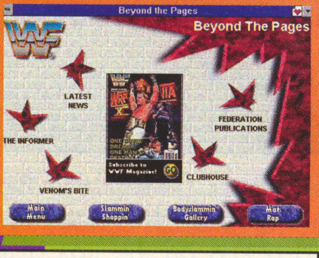
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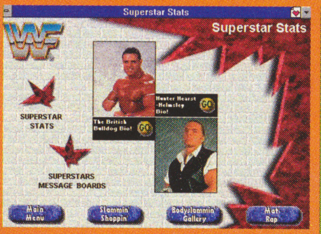
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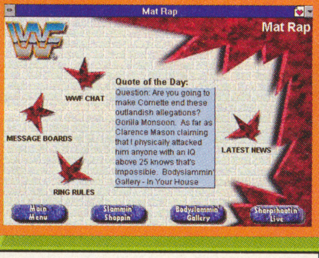
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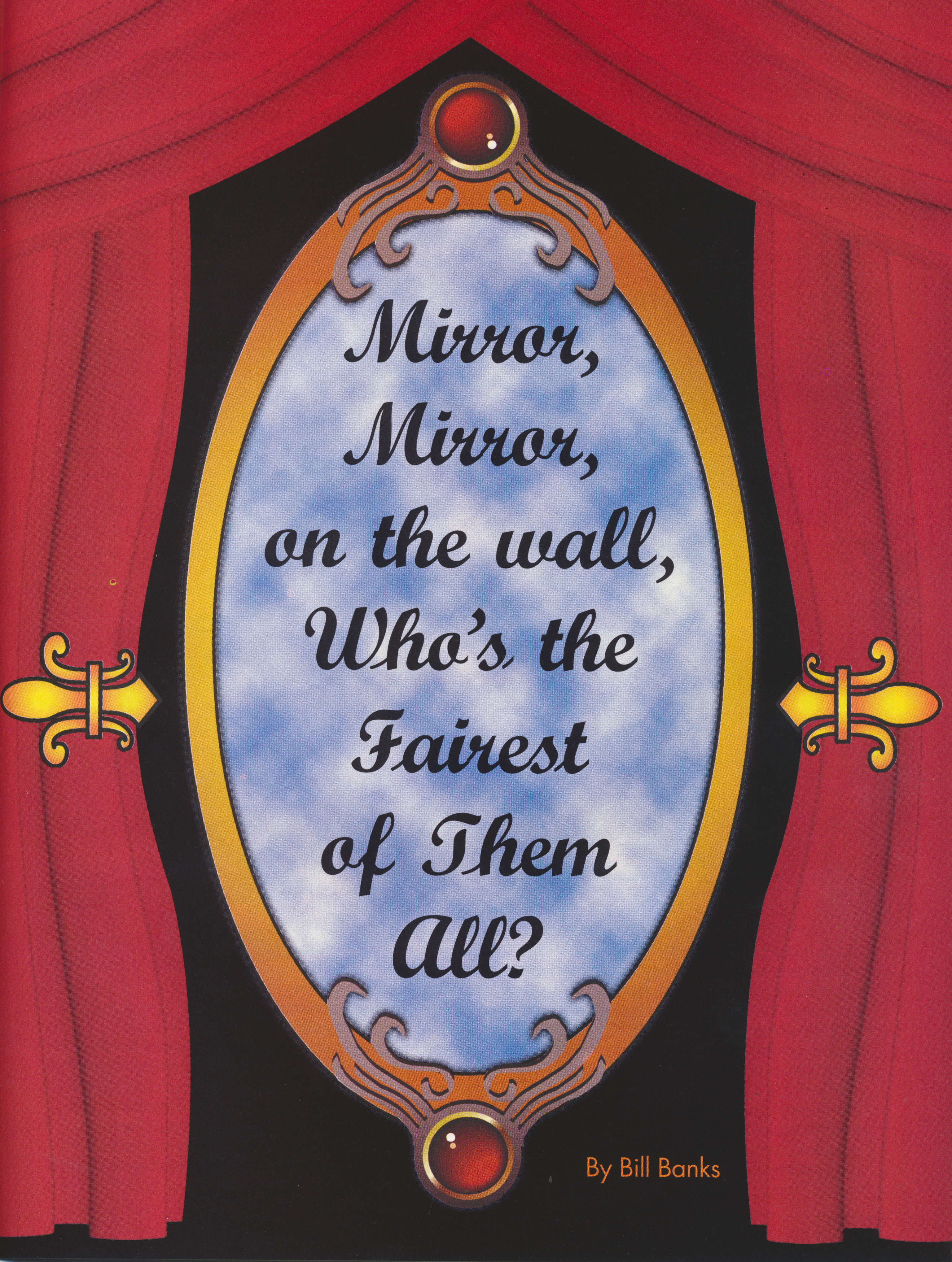
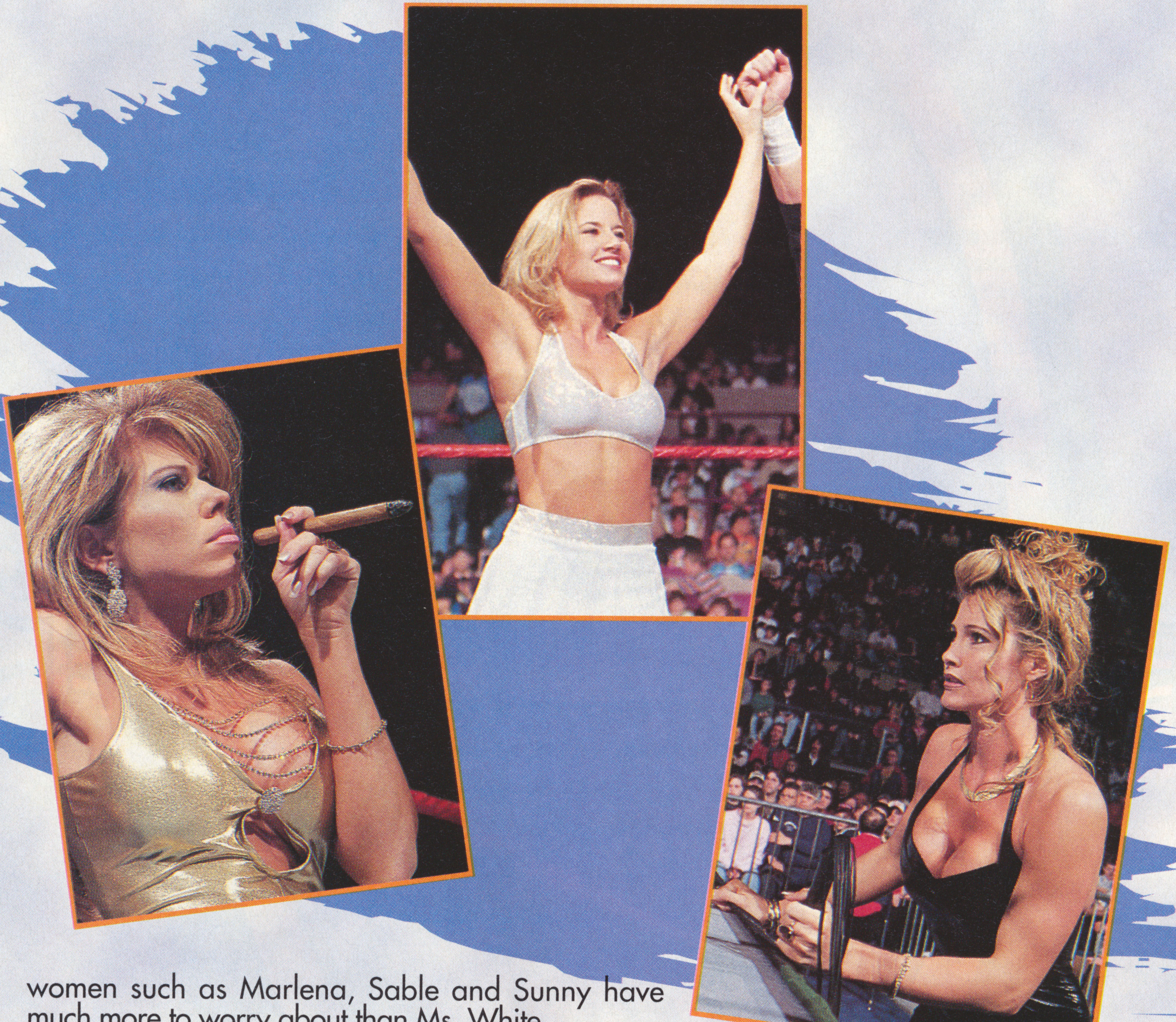


Mirror, Mirror, on the wall, Who's the Fairest of Them All?

By Bill Banks

When one thinks of the story of Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs, names like Dopey, Sleepy, Grumpy, Bashful, Billy and Bart may come to mind. Billy and Bart, you ask? Well, when it comes to comparing Sunny to Snow White, these two cowboys may just be in the company of the fairest of them all! But hold it right there! Just as the wicked stepmother finds out in that Disney film, Sunny may find out her beauty might be surpassed by two other managers—Marlena and Sable. In the land of the World Wrestling Federation, there may be more than one Snow White!

But in the case of these fair maidens, they often plan the strategies of their men for a ring war on most nights—all Snow White had to do was make sure the dwarfs' house was clean before dinner! Clearly, women such as Marlena, Sable and Sunny have much more to worry about than Ms. White.

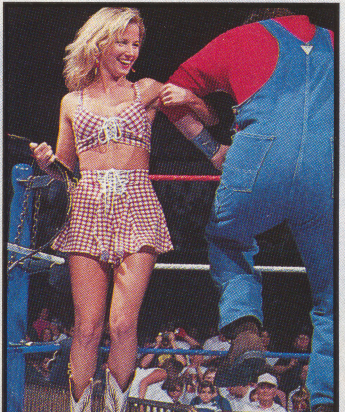


There is a popular saying that behind every successful man stands a woman, and if you were a wrestler with the freedom to choose between the likes of these three vixens, how in the world could you possibly pick one over the other? With men such as Goldust, Wildman Marc Mero and the Smoking Gunns having skyrocketing careers, one would be hard-pressed to choose among the many possible combinations of beauty, brains and inspiration to be at their sides during a match!

When the word beauty is mentioned in the same breath as the Smoking Gunns, visions of the blond-haired bombshell known as Sunny come to mind. In a land of 500-pound giants who think nothing of brutalizing an opponent half their size, it doesn't take much of the magnetic power Sunny possesses to bring any brute with the hormones of a 15-year-old to his knees—a classic example being Phineas I. Godwinn! When Sunny first entered the Fed-

eration a year ago, she was very naive and innocent before the realization of her "assets" allowed her to bend both Federation officials and wrestlers to her will. After dumping the team of Skip and Zip for a more "Smoking" pair of men, Sunny clearly was willing to go where the gold would come easiest! Forget hog farmers and twin-workout freaks—the winner of the "Best Buns" Slammy Award was ready to show the world she was truly a cowgirl at heart!

With Sunny now at the side of Billy and Bart, it appears this "Golden-Haired Fox" had a strategy for success all along, and that included using her beauty to leave the likes of Phineas, Skip and Zip in her wake! It all started at New York's Madison Square Garden this past May, the place where the Godwinns defeated Skip and Zip for the title. New champs were crowned that night in the Garden, and we saw that Phineas had finally conquered his fascination of Sunny—or so we thought! It was later revealed that prior to the match Sunny had tricked the heartbroken farmer into handing over his managerial rights to her! Either way, be it with the Donnas or the Godwinns, Sunny was determined to leave MSG that night with the team that held the gold. And, indeed, once the "Oinkers" bagged the belts, they were "legally" hers again.

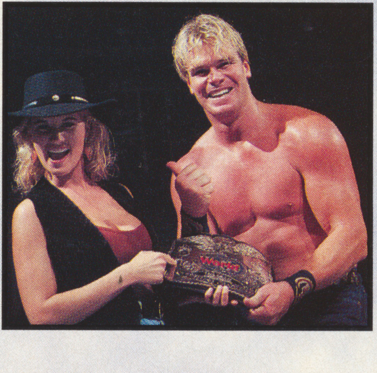


Now, Step Two would come at In Your House one week later in Florence, South Carolina. After taking a kiss on the lips from Billy Gunn during the championship match between "her" Godwinns and the Gunns, Phineas was wild with jealousy at what he saw and, more importantly, easy prey for Bart Gunn, who rolled him up from behind for the 1-2-3! Sunny's beauty easily got the attention of EVERYONE in the arena during that match, and as we would find out the next night on Raw, this was all part of her plan! What a cruel woman Sunny can be!

That Monday night, Billy and Bart walked out not only with the gold around their waists, but lo and behold, Sunny was by their side. Why did Sunny choose the Gunns as her new team? The situation was now clear. Sunny had planned this with the Gunns all along. Once again, Sunny was bound and determined to be the commander of the team with the title. Not only did those gold belts weigh heavily on her mind, but she also found out Billy was a great kisser!

"I call Billy 'hot lips' now," Sunny said. "I always had a thing for blonds in cowboy boots!"

The Smoking Gunns now had a new advantage over their opponents—a cowgirl who could keep any opponents lassoed with love! Her former team, Skip and Zip, were the opponents of the Gunns that night—and boy, were they surprised when they saw her with Billy and Bart! Sunny "asserted" herself in the match every chance she had, and when the dust settled at this showdown, her men walked back to the locker room with the belts, while the Body Donnas were left to wonder how beauty had blinded them.



Now that Sunny is doing the two-step with these two Texans, the Smoking Gunns, what new heights will her beauty and her cunning bring her in the

Federation? There has been talk that Sunny may want to spend some time with another man, perhaps a SINGLE man. Despite all of his ring beauties, Hunter Hearst-Helmsley is still looking for the right woman to take him to the gold. And what about Stone Cold Steve Austin? Surely, Sunny could see some championship potential in him! Does she have her eye on the Federation Title or the Intercontinental Title? Only time will tell. But a word of warning to the Gunns: Sunny has dumped two teams before—your athletic ability had better measure up to her liking.

Beauty may be the main tool of choice for Sunny to use to her advantage in the Federation, but another woman uses her "golden" intelligence instead. This is where Marlena takes the stage. This director knows just how to handle the career of Goldust in the ring—be it making a masterpiece or exiting, stage left.

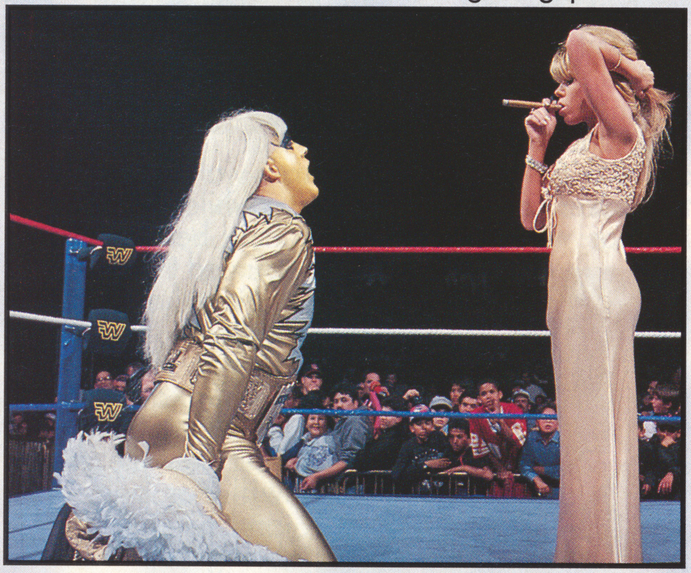
When Marlena became the director of the saga of Goldust last year, his performances in the ring became more than a simple black and white movie; they were classics that would put the likes of *Gone with the Wind* and *Casablanca* to shame! After rising quickly in the ranks with Oscar-winning ring performances, Goldust soon had the Intercontinental Championship Belt securely around his waist—with Marlena bowing to the applause of the Golden One.

In a recent interview on the Federation site on America Online, Hollywood's favorite actor had this to say about his director's competition: "Even though many people would consider Sunny and Sable 'hot,' they are not my type."

Like the directing savvy of Martin Scorsese, Marlena always uses her experience to direct her man when to make the curtain call on all his opponents. She truly showed the world the power of her influence when she lured Rowdy Roddy Piper into the Back Lot Brawl match at WrestleMania XII. Allowing himself to be bent by the brainpower of someone else was something unfamiliar to the Scot. And what about his war with the Undertaker? Marlena was wise enough to know that this scene called for a supporting cast for Goldust, and what better co-star to get for the role than Mankind! Goldust has continued to overcome the challenges of many superstars in the World Wrestling Federation—all because Marlena was sitting in the director's chair.

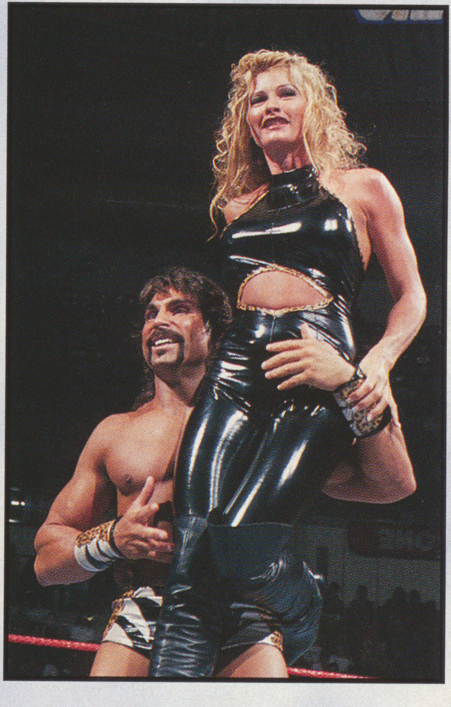
Sitting at ringside, one could see it in Marlena's eyes when she decided any given match would be a wrap. Where would Goldust be without this director by his side? Surely his ring ventures would look more like Pauly Shore films. Confidence in her choosing roles for Goldust allows her to know the credits will always roll for another opponent in the end.

And how could you direct such a fine masterpiece if it weren't for inspiration? Throughout the history of the world, men have accomplished many feats with the inspiration of the women by their sides. This is where Sable joins us for a wild ride! Without the likes of Sable by his side, the high-flier known as Wildman Marc Mero might have never climbed to the heights that he has reached here in the World Wrestling Federation. The love of a woman can make a man do spectacular things in and out of the ring!



We first saw Sable on the arm of the Greenwich snob Hunter Hearst-Helmsley during the WrestleMania XII telecast. Clearly, something was wrong with this picture. What would a woman like Sable be doing with the likes of Helmsley? After his loss to the Ultimate Warrior that night, Hunter verbally abused Sable, blaming her for the loss. Standing nearby and seeing all of this take place, the Wildman rapidly showed Hunter why it wasn't wise to blame the loss on Sable. Being the gentlemen that he is, Mero made himself known to Sable by introducing Helmsley's head to a steel door.

The entire time Sable was with the blueblood, she would be made to sit patiently in a chair until Helmsley's match was over. Now, with the Wildman, she can enjoy the satisfaction of letting her truly wild persona out. Seeing nothing but confidence on her face, Marc Mero channeled this inspiration into his wrestling, fearing no wild maneuver because he had Sable by his side. And the drop-dead gorgeous black leather outfit she wears does not seem to hurt matters either! This would be enough inspiration for any man to try to walk on water!



"Sable and I have this animal instinct that enables us to complement each other," Mero remarked. "Being around a beautiful lady like her is all the inspiration a Wildman needs. Her eyes are the window to my future in the Federation. I draw my power from her animal magnetism. In my wild eyes, there is no comparison. Sable is the queen of my jungle." With Sable looking on at ringside and cracking her whip, the Wildman knew he could always go the extra mile to defeat an opponent. A simple sleeperhold or small package wasn't enough for Mero—leaping off the top rope into a sunset flip was more his speed!

Without the exotic Sable by his side, would Marc Mero have the willpower in his heart to give it his all every night? Would he have the courage to go against the brutes in the ranks of the World Wrestling Federation if it weren't for Sable's inspiration and beauty? Let's just say that with Sable on the arm of the Wildman, Marc Mero has quite a WILD ride planned for all his opponents!

So which one of these three sparkling gems would one pick? Would you want a beauty such as Sunny to drive your opponents mad with envy? Surely having a blond bombshell like her in your corner would not only be something one could appreciate, but it would ultimately be the downfall of any opponent. Or maybe you would much rather have the golden genius of Marlena directing your moves for a blockbuster performance. Without a planned script in hand, a poorly planned attack would ultimately end up making a B-grade bomb. And without the inspiration of a woman like Sable, could there be any courage in a man's heart? Would someone be able to step into the ring for a long period of time knowing he had nobody who cared for him? Which one would you take? The decision might put you in a permanent state of insomnia at night!

Whom would I have in my corner if I planned to grace the ring with my 150-pound frame? You can bet your money that I would plan to have all of them by my side. Mirror, mirror on the wall, who's the fairest of them all? You would need three mirrors and all seven dwarfs to figure that problem out!

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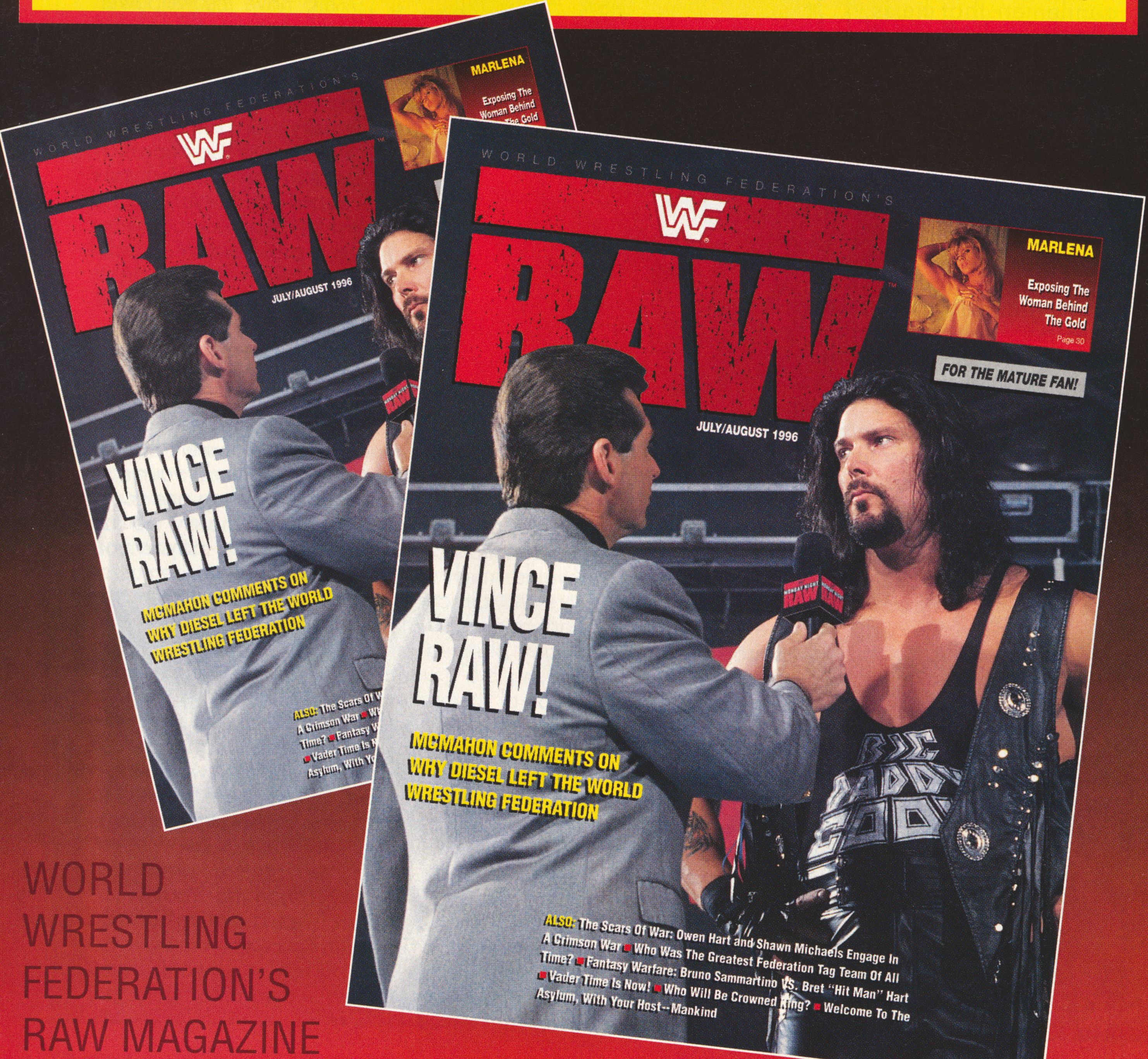

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Not even I, the INFORMER, can believe this one! One of my sources has informed me that an "extremely" brave individual has been meeting with MANKIND in various basements around the world, trying to coax the outpatient into hiring him as a manager! A few names have surfaced as to who this courageous individual may be, with one name being mentioned more than once... simply... JIMMY?!... HOT! HOT! HOT! As we speak World Wrestling Federation officials are talking to an ex-champion, trying to lure him out of retirement and back into the squared circle. Sources tell me that thus far the champion has been biting, but no deal has been inked yet... Reach out and touch someone?! A highly regarded spy recently put a report on my desk stating that just last week BRET "HIT MAN" HART picked up his Ma Bell and called... brother and SLAMMY-AWARD-WINNING OWEN HART!!! As of press time I have not been able to confirm this report, but I will keep you posted in next month's magazine!!!... Now that SUNNY has BILLY and BART GUNN, THE SMOKING GUNNS, in her stable, could she possibly be talking to a third hombre?!

Sources tell me that the SUNNY "DELIGHT" was spotted talking to ZEBEKIAH in a watering hole in San Antonio, Texas. Is JUSTIN "HAWK" BRADSHAW possibly her next victim?... With the World Wrestling Federation induction ceremony right around the corner, rumors are circulating as to who may be the next honorees. Some legends being mentioned are: DON "THE ROCK" MURACO, CAPTAIN LOU ALBANO, PAT PATTERSON and... LIVING LEGEND BRUNO SAMMARTINO... I don't know about you, but I, the INFORMER, sure am uneasy with GORILLA MONSOON'S decision to name HARVEY WIPPLEMAN as a Federation referee. Correct me if I'm wrong, but isn't this the same HARVEY WIPPLEMAN who spent many a year managing "rule breakers" in this very same Federation? Hmmm... And, speaking of the rule breakers that HARVEY managed, could this all be a plot, and could possibly—just possibly—good ol' SID be involved? Where's he been?... The ULTIMATE WARRIOR tore a muscle in his upper shoulder area during his *King of the Ring* elimination match-up against GOLDUST, which was seen on nationwide television on MONDAY NIGHT RAW. The tear caused the WARRIOR to wear a sling for a few weeks, causing him to miss several scheduled matches. As you can see, he is now fully healed... Ironically enough, GOLDUST suffered a head injury the following night in a match with the HEARTBREAK KID SHAWN MICHAELS, after Shawn cracked the "Golden One" across the head with his championship belt in a heated finish. GOLDUST was taken to a nearby hospital after the match, where he required several stitches... Meanwhile, H.O.G. and P.I.G. took some time off to go "window shopping"... Until next time... WF

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PIN 'em DOWN

Dear Goldust,

What is your all-time favorite movie?

Sean Western
Jersey City, NJ

Dearest Sean,

Well, Sean, you see, naughty boy, my favorite movie of all time hasn't been made yet. But obviously there is no question that when it is made, it will have none other than little ol' me starring in it. Remember the name... Goldust.

Dear Mr. Backlund,

I hope that you become president of the United States so that you can boon the lives of the young plebeians! Also, when are you going to put the chicken-wing on Bill Clinton?

Non-plebeian
Dwayne Morgan
KaBelle, FL

Dear Dwayne,

First of all, whether you realize it or not, you TOO are a plebeian, young man! Don't try to get chummy with me, sir! And as far as when am I going to put the chicken-wing on Mr. Bill Clinton? Well, that is none of your business!

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Dear Dok Hendrix,

Is it true that you were once known as a great wrestler who went by the name of Michael P. S. Hayes?

Nicholas Wilson
North Hollywood, CA

WELLLLLLL, St. Nick, without giving you a yes or a no to that question, let's just say that I have been known to fly FREE as a BIRD every now... and again!

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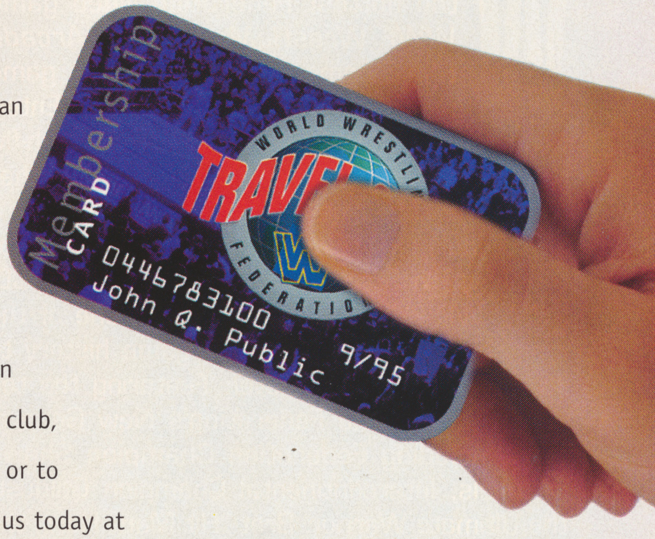
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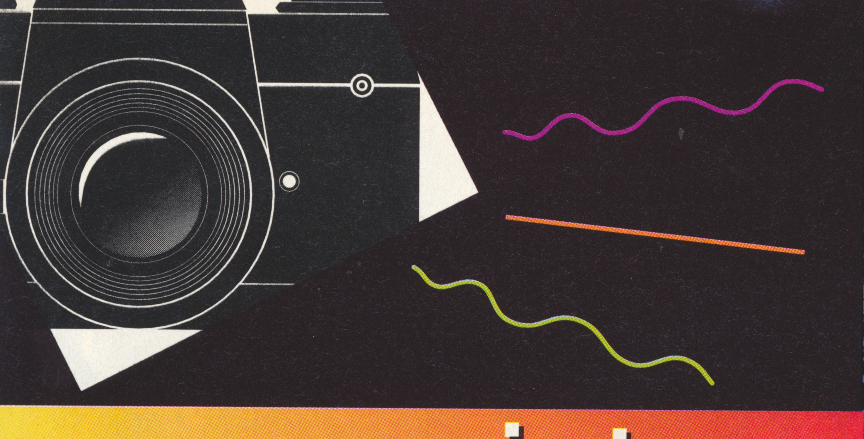

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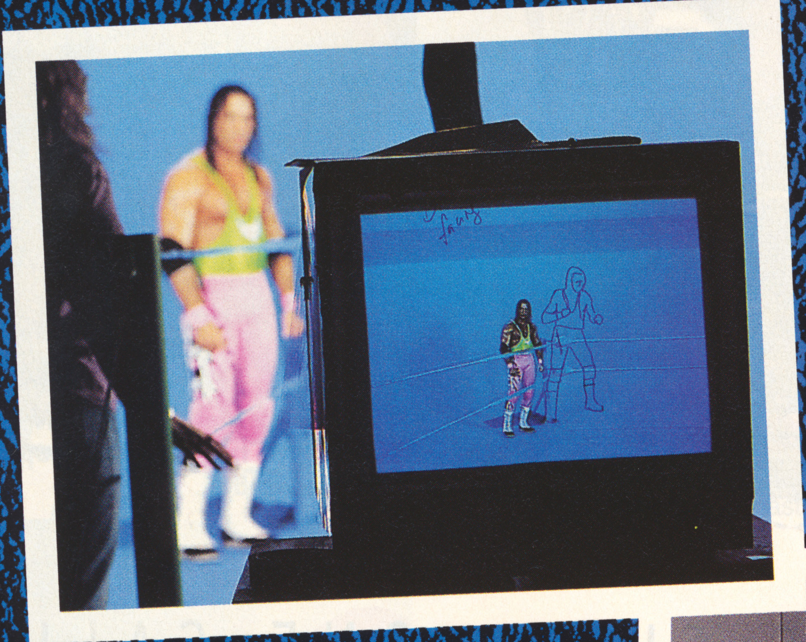

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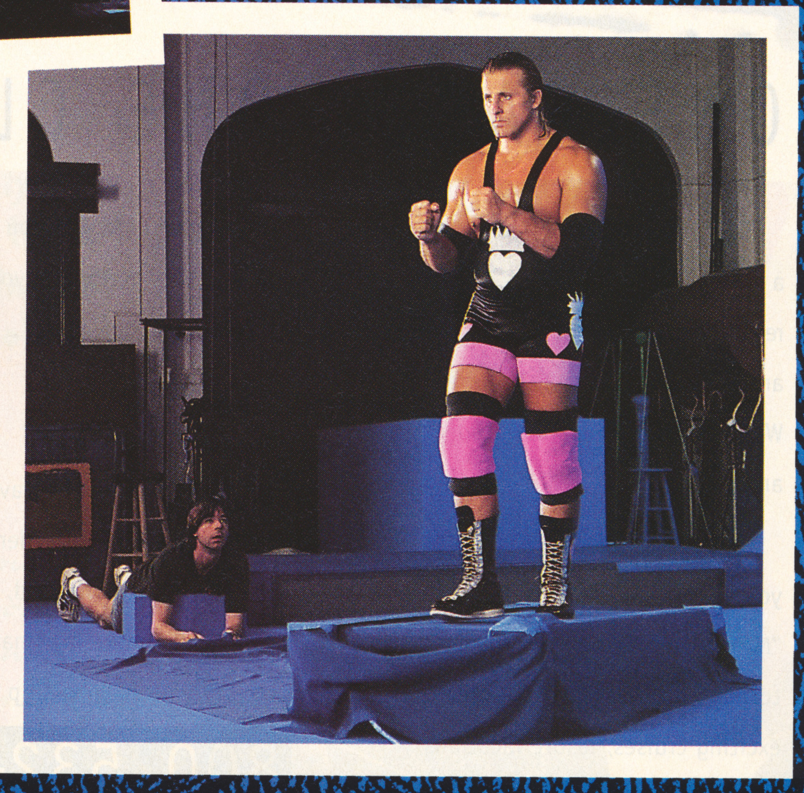
What do you do after you've brought the hottest Federation video game *WWF WrestleMania: The Arcade Game* home for every popular game system? Well, if you're Acclaim Entertainment, you take all of the non-stop, high-flying, bone-crunching action one step further and deliver the all-new *WWF In Your House.*

Scheduled for release this holiday season for the Sony PlayStation, Sega Saturn and PC CD-ROM, *WWF In Your House* brings one of the most popular series in video game history to its most exciting level ever. Featuring the top superstars of the Federation's New Generation—including Federation Champion Shawn Michaels, Intercontinental Champion Goldust, the Ultimate Warrior, Bret "Hit Man" Hart, the man they call Vader, Ahmed Johnson, the Undertaker, the British Bulldog, Hunter Hearst-Helmsley and the King of Harts Owen Hart—*WWF In Your House* is set to deliver all of the action of the squared circle to the next generation of video gaming.

Acclaim Entertainment recently invited this magazine to its Glen Cove, New York, headquarters for a behind-the-scenes look at the making of *WWF In Your House.*



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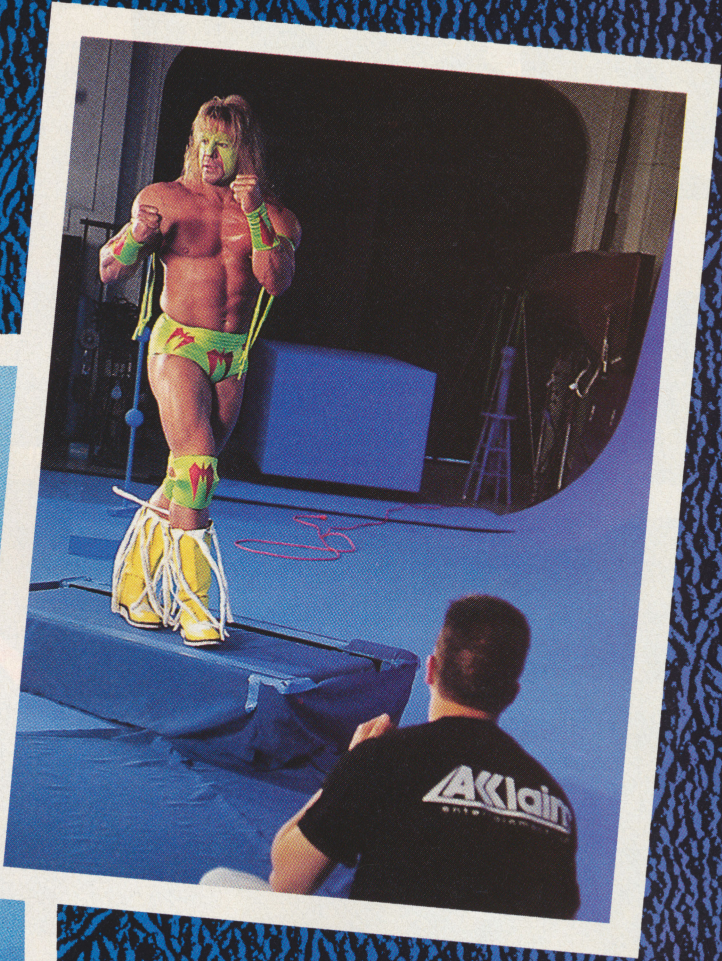
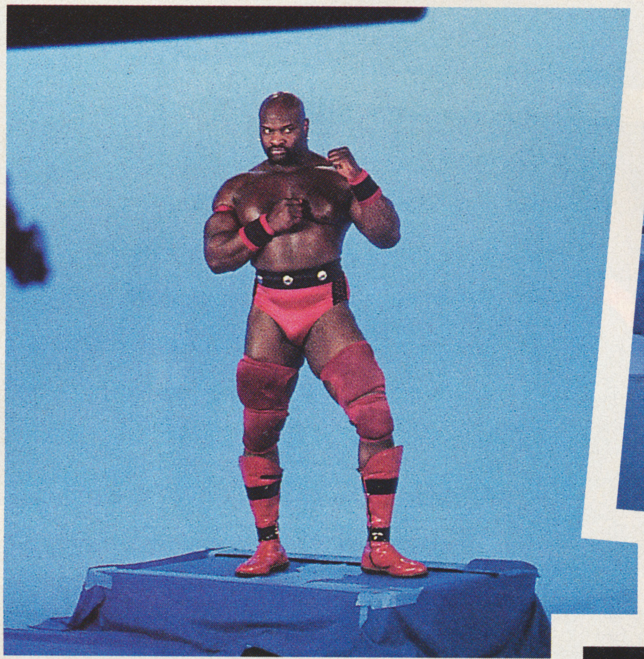
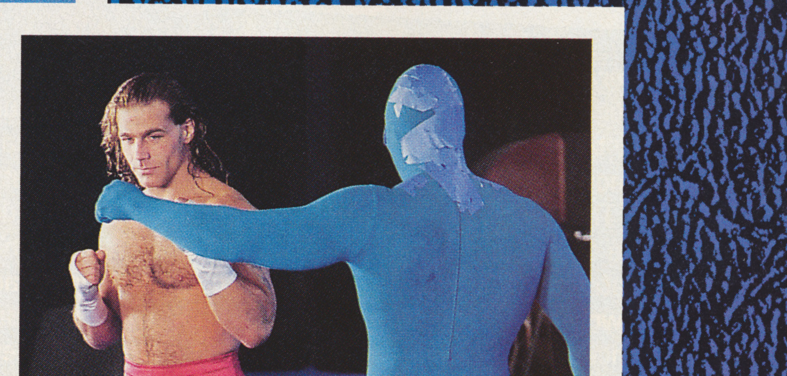
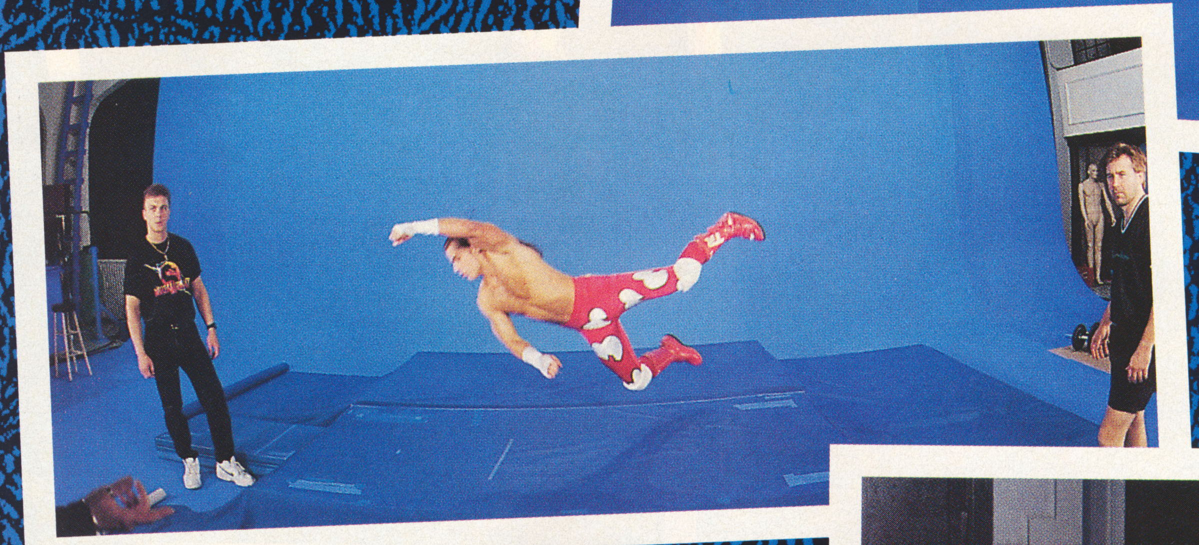


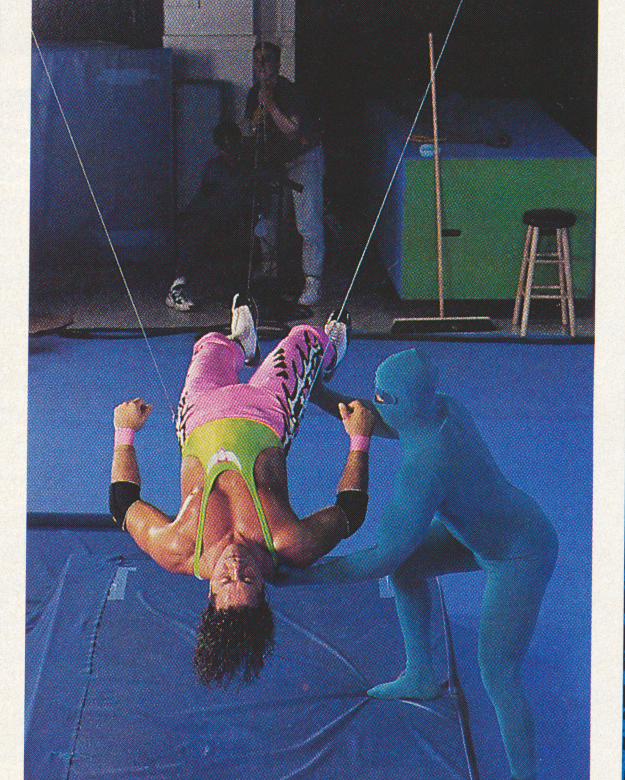




In Your House, which has been in development for several months, was the vision of the game's producer, Mike Archer, who worked on the company's successful *WWF Raw* and *WWF WrestleMania: The Arcade Game* video games. A former wrestler himself, Archer spent more than 60 hours with lead game analyst Shawn Rosen watching footage of Federation matches to compile a list of wrestlers, moves, sound effects and game play features that would make *In Your House* Acclaim's best Federation video game to date. "We set out to incorporate every aspect of an authentic Federation match," said Archer. "Our goal was to make *In Your House* the most true-to-life wrestling game available, capturing the essense of

Counterclockwise from far left: Bret is transformed onto video, while Owen prepares to be digitized. Shawn gets ready to rumble. Acclaim feels the power of the Warrior! Ahmed takes the plunge.



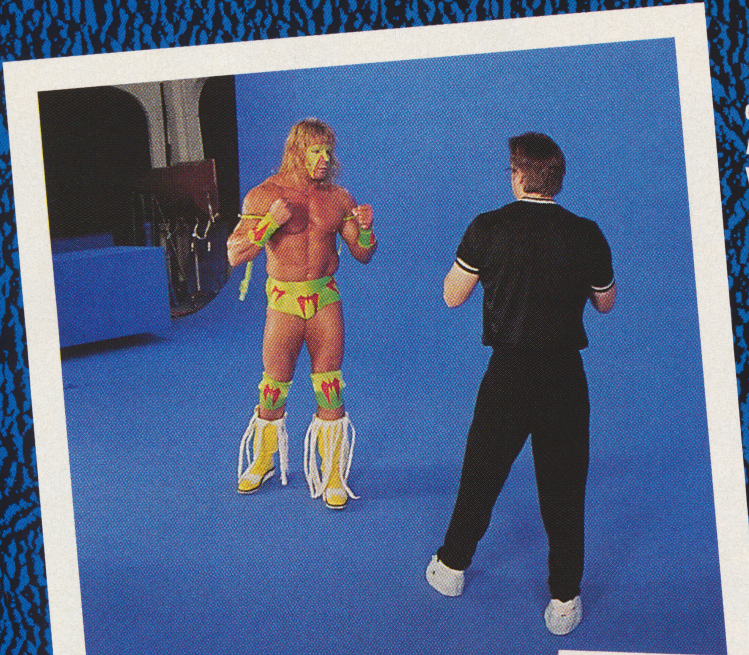


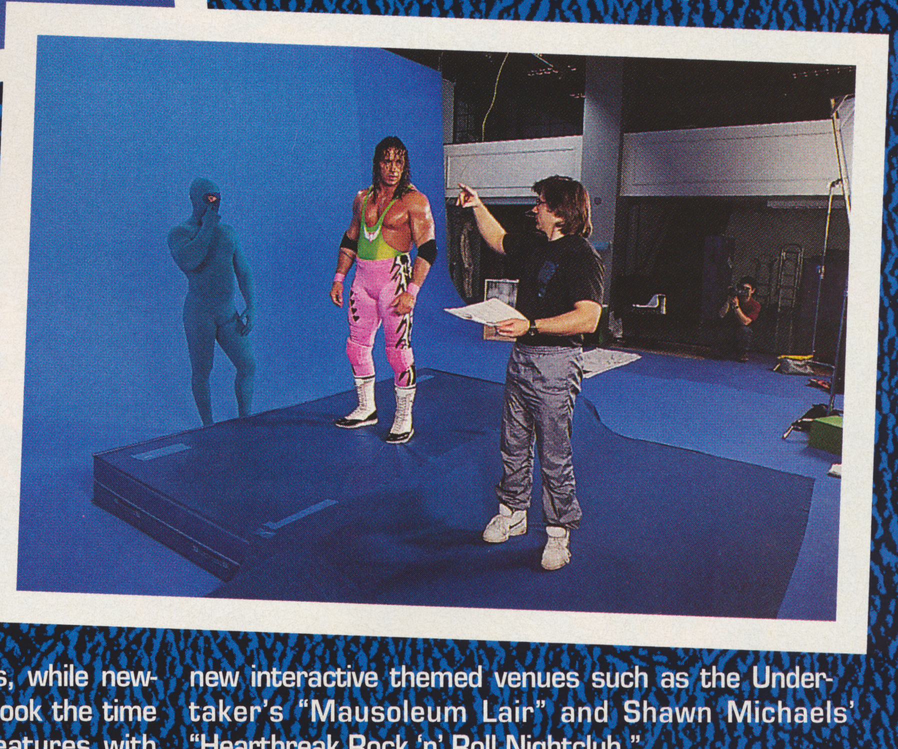
the Federation's superstars and live events."

Archer worked with director Melianthe Kines to figure out how to re-create the Federation superstars' trademark holds, moves and pins in Acclaim's state-of-the-art Ultimatte Studio. The entire product development team met to discuss the overall concept and the making of the game. Once the treatment was approved, Acclaim consulted with each of the wrestlers to incorporate their ring expertise and experience before filming in the studio. In order to achieve the game's spectacular high-flying action in the shoot, Archer and Kines brought in stunt coordinator Jeff Gibson, who has worked on some of Hollywood's top films, including *Batman Forever*.

In Acclaim's Ultimatte Studio, the company filmed each superstar standing in front of a blue screen while executing his arsenal of special moves. A computer was used to remove the blue screen background, leaving only the superstar performing his moves with his actual speed and agility, which would later be placed on top of the game's interactive 3-D computer-rendered backgrounds. "We've had great

Above from top: Bulldog flies high! A bird or a plane? No, it's HBK. Bret takes a mid-air tumble. Opposite from top: Warrior puts up his dukes. Bret prepares to do battle!





athletes like Frank Thomas of the Chicago White Sox and Juwan Howard of the Washington Bullets in our studios; however, we never imagined that our studio would be transformed into a ring with the World Wrestling Federation's superstars," said Kines. "Each superstar gave 200 percent to re-create their authentic ring movements for the game, and their competitiveness to outperform one another was only matched by their athleticism and professionalism."

In the studio, Acclaim video game veterans like Bret and Owen Hart were "all business" during their sessions, while newcomers like Vader and Ahmed Johnson took the time to discuss game play strategies and features with Archer and Kines. "Goldust was certainly no stranger to the camera," said Archer. "As a matter of fact, he and Marlena were giving our crew pointers on how to capture both of his best sides."

"Don't forget about the Undertaker; he really took our team to the Dark Side—or the Ultimate Warrior, who pushed our stuntmen to the limit and still took the time to autograph copies of his new Warrior Comic Book and accept a few applications for his Warrior University," said Kines. Even World Wrestling Federation legend Rene Goulet was on hand to provide his insights and years of wrestling knowledge to Acclaim's staff to ensure the realism and action-packed game play of *In Your House*.

While each superstar impressed Acclaim's entire development team during the making of *In Your House*, center stage clearly belonged to World Wrestling Federation Champion Shawn Michaels. "I've seen some of the greatest stuntmen in the world perform the most death-defying acts before the camera, but I have never seen one man so fast, so strong and so agile. There's no doubt that he's the leader of the New Generation," said Gibson. "Shawn was definitely the most competitive of the bunch," added Kines. "He always wanted to make sure that he delivered all of the excitement he provides in the ring… and he did!"

Once each superstar was filmed, the footage was sent to one of Acclaim's top development studios, Sculptured Software in Salt Lake City, Utah, where it was processed and set against the all-new interactive themed venues such as the Undertaker's "Mausoleum Lair" and Shawn Michaels' "Heartbreak Rock 'n' Roll Nightclub."

Currently, Acclaim is incorporating all-new superstar voice samples, play-by-play commentary, full-motion video, new power-ups, secret "Super Finishing Pins" that give wrestlers an added edge, and special "foreign objects" found at ringside to help slam home the mat-pounding action straight into the living rooms of gamers.

Although Acclaim gave us a thorough sneak peek at *In Your House*, there were still a few hidden surprises that we just couldn't choke-hold out of them. "Just like a real Federation match, you never know who may show up or what's going to happen," added Archer. "But one thing is guaranteed: Acclaim is bringing it all *In Your House* this holiday season!"

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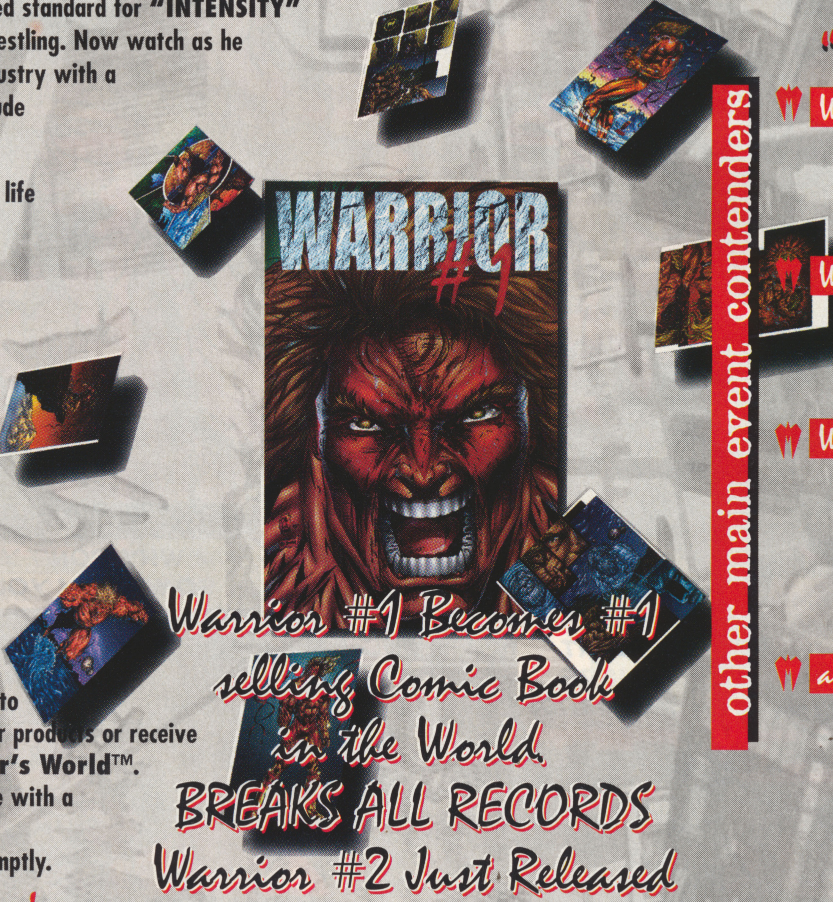

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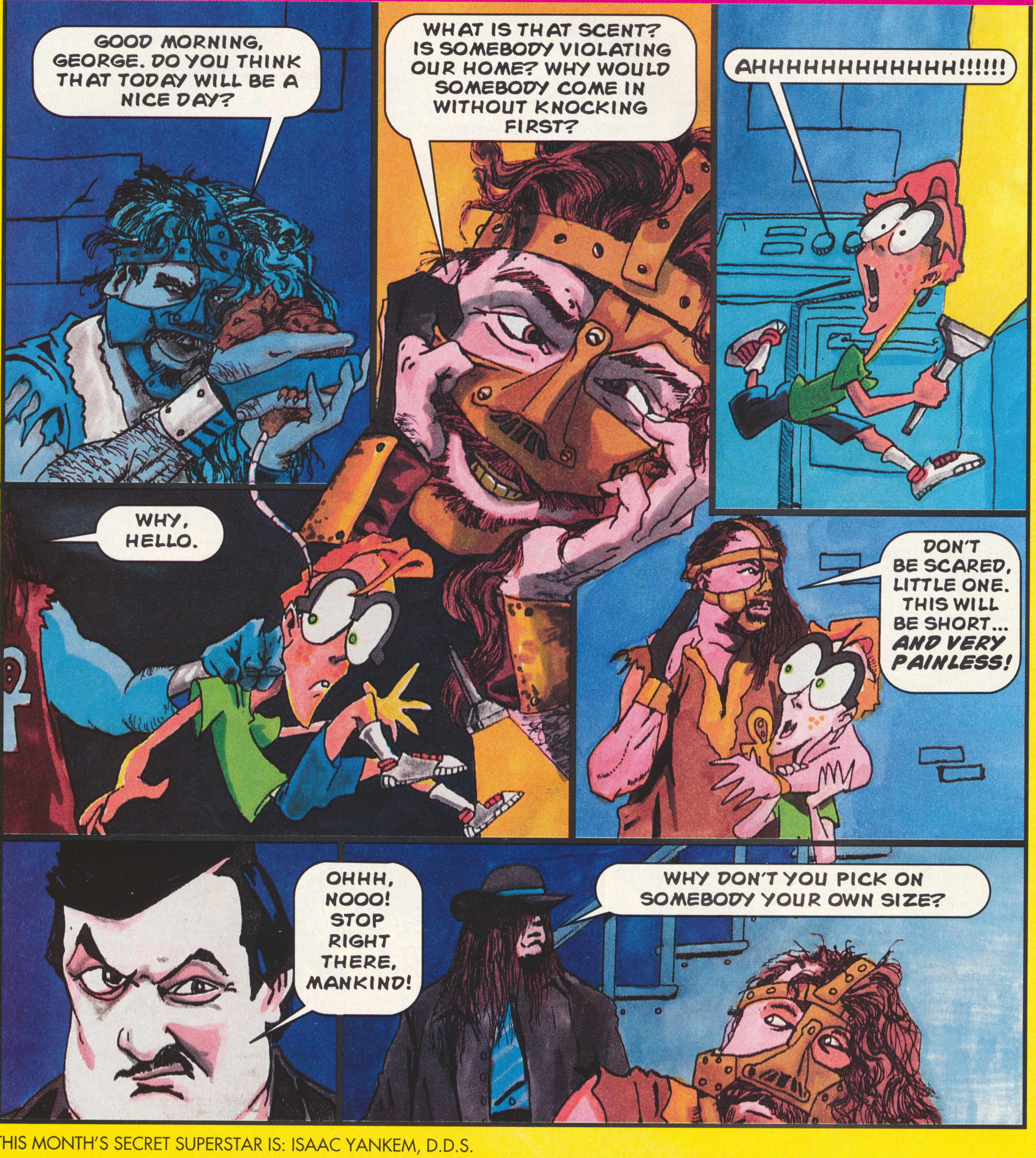
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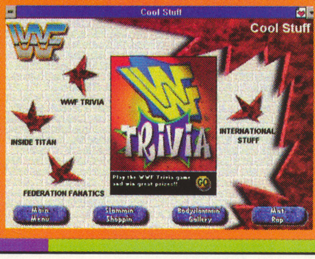
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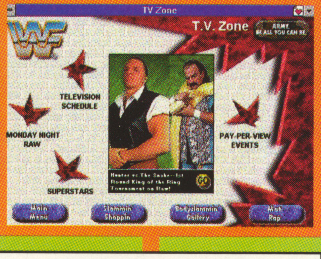
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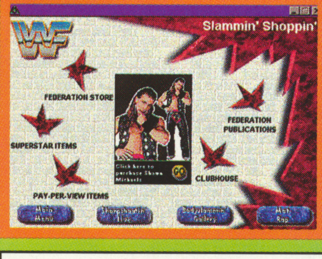
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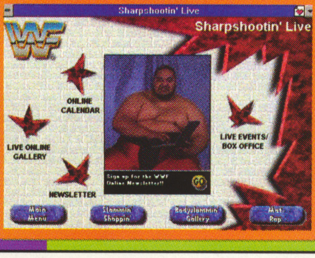
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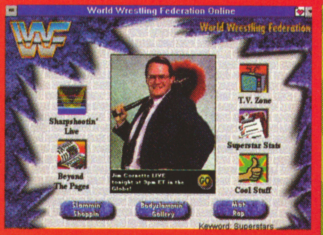
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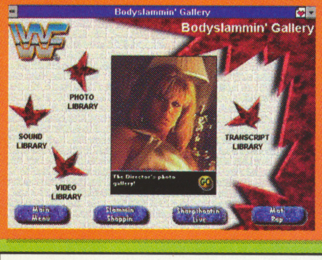
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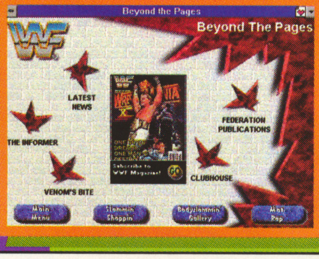
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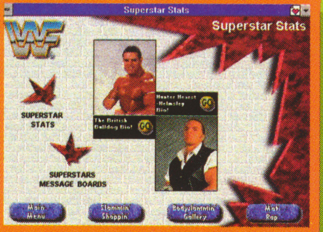
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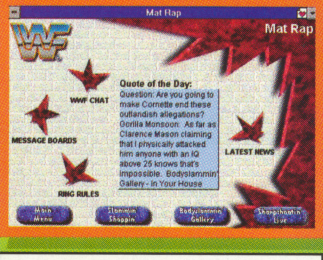
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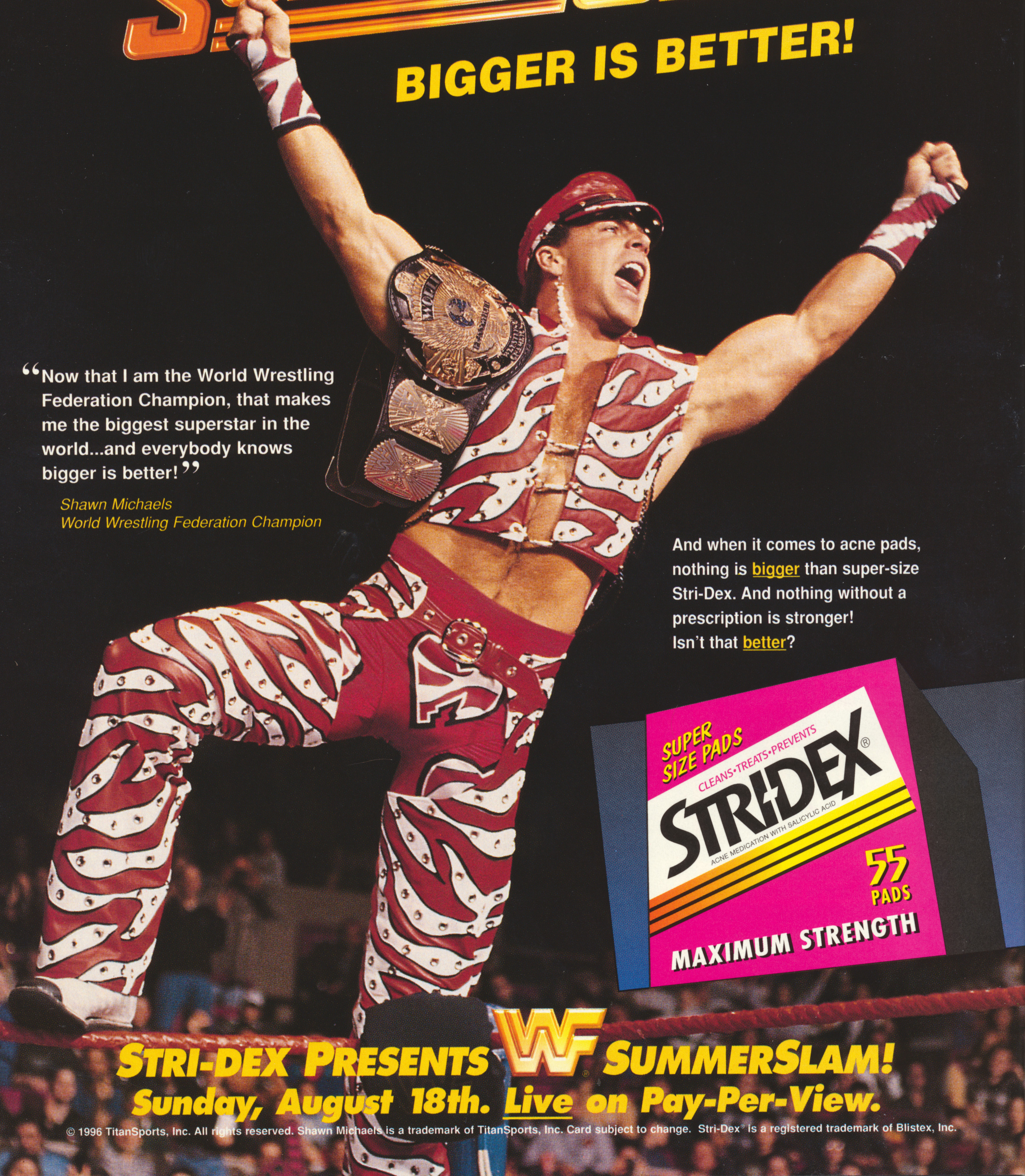
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